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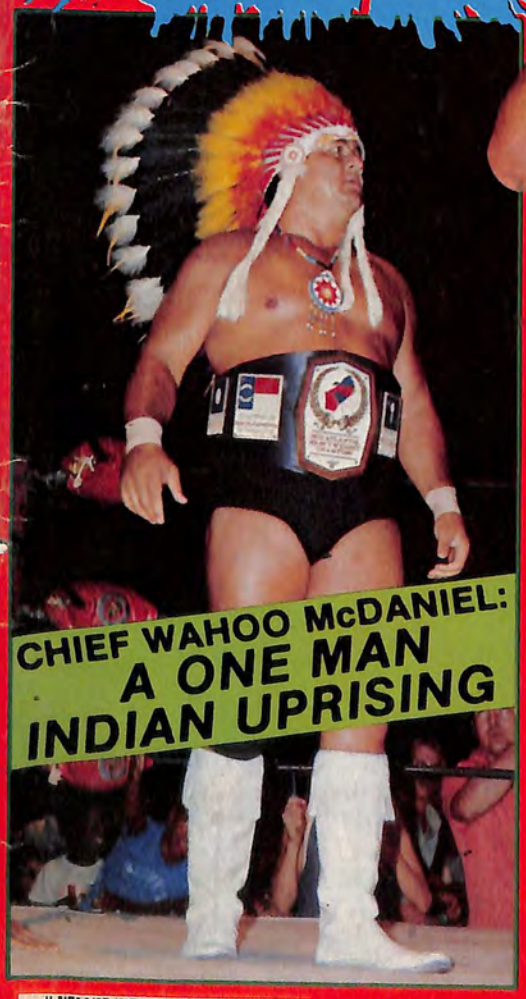

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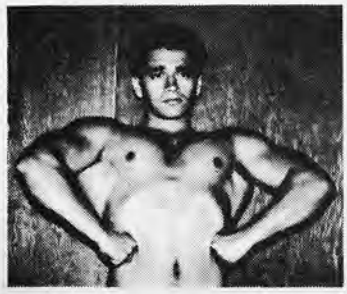

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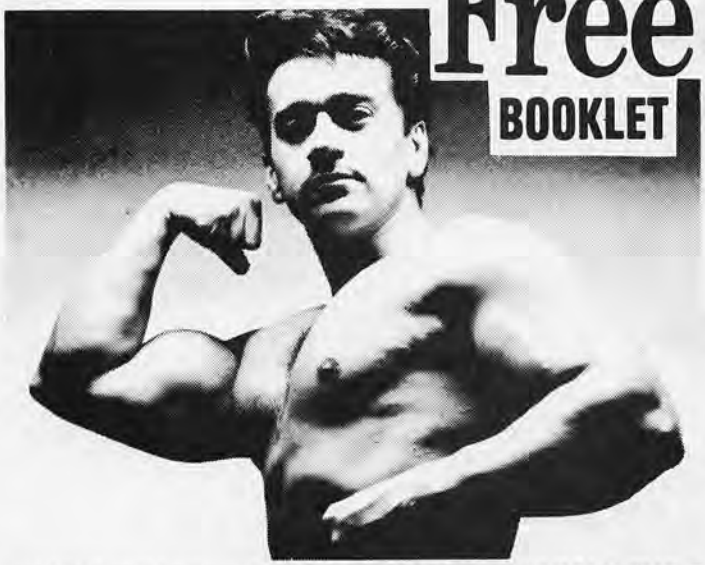

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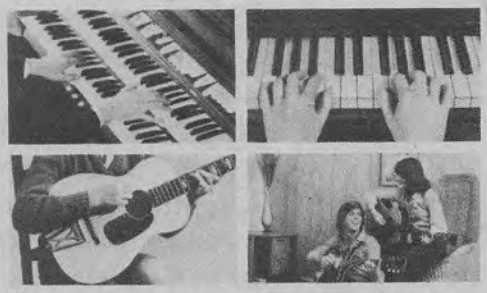

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The issue begins with the startling story, **Why Was Raymond Rougeau Locked In a Cage?** The answer to this question, and the reason for this strange occurrence, is sure to shock everyone who loves wrestling.

No one has ever been able to forget the famous story, **The Match Andre the Giant Shouldn't Have Wrestled.** It is printed here for all his many fans to reread. Maybe judgements of Andre will change after reading this story.

For fans of the legendary tag team we print, **What Happened to the Royal Kangaroos?** Here is the pair in one of their toughest matches. To read this story is to learn about tag team wrestling at its finest.

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Raymond Rougeau is locked in this cage and hoisted high atop the ring so his female fans cannot grab at him while he seconds his dad, Jacques Rougeau, in a recent bout.

RAYMOND ROUGEAU'S OPPONENTS have to be on their guard for two reasons.

One, of course, is because the gifted youngster is liable to be coming at them from any direction including the air. The other reason is Raymond's fans—his female fans.

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Things have been getting so bad, however, that even Raymond is in danger—from his own fans. Much like the fans of the rock singers, Ray's followers have begun to swarm all over him, tearing his clothes and throwing various undergarments at him. It got so bad that one night Raymond had to be locked in a cage—for his own protection!

It happened when Jacques Rougeau, Raymond's father, was wrestling Eric The Animal. Since Eric's manager, Tony Angelo, insisted on being at ringside, Raymond decided to second his father. However, that led to problems.

As Raymond crouched in the corner, his fanatical fans kept trying to get at him. To take refuge, he was forced to climb into the ring. This, of course, drove Angelo to a frenzy.

"What's he doin' in there!?" he roared. "Get him out! Get him out!"

Rougeau explained to an official that he couldn't very well stay outside the ring and he suggested that he'd return to the dressing room if Angelo would.

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Norman Fredrick Charles inspects the damage done to his partner Lord Jonathan Boyd (above) after a bloody brawl against the Brisco brothers. Boyd (left) needed 37 stitches to close his wounds.

"WITH NOTHING ELSE to conquer in Europe, Norman and I are currently looking for heads to crack."

Speaking at that time was Lord Jonathan Boyd, half of the exciting Australian tag team, the Royal Kangaroos, a team undefeated in two years in the U.S.

A few months later a wrestler sat in a dressing room waiting for an ambulance. His head was cracked open. Blood was flowing profusely. He tried to explain what happened, but couldn't seem to make any sense.

The wrestler's name is Lord Jonathan Boyd, the same Boyd who was looking for cracked heads and found one. But this one was resting on his own neck!

Boyd's question and our question: "What happened?"

What happened to the Royal Kangaroos? What in hell happened to a tag team everyone thought was unbeatable? What beat them?

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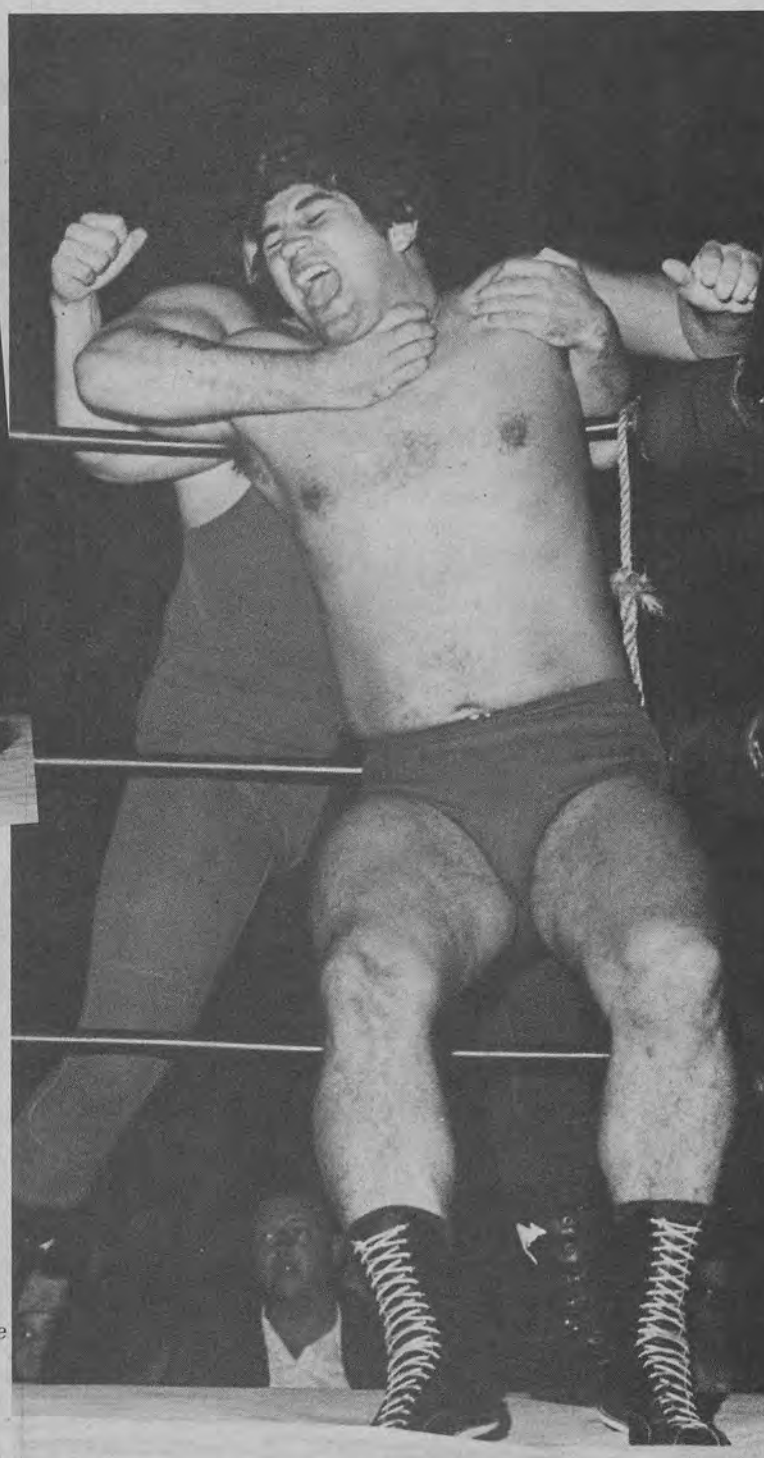

Jerry Brisco adds pressure to a stepover toehold (above) he has on Norman Fredrick Charles III, but Jerry is trapped in the corner by Lord Boyd (right). The match had to be stopped when Boyd suffered a serious facial gash from which he lost quite a bit of blood.

confused and bewildered. They claimed they were perfect and never made mistakes.

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Then why this? Why had the Briscos nearly murdered them?

The Kangaroos weren't commenting. Cousin Norman was too busy worrying about the blood that was flowing from the head of Jonathan.

The cut was the reason the contest with the Briscos was stopped. But also stopped was the Kangaroos' unbeaten streak.

What did it?

"That blood you saw was sickening," admitted Jerry Brisco. "It even sickened me and I've seen plenty. But if you thought Boyd's face looked terrible, it would have looked a lot worse if it happened to us.

"Those guys are not only called Kangaroos," he said. "They have more pockets in their trunks than kangaroos. Those cuts on Boyd were nasty but they were cuts that were planned for us, and would have been carved into us if we didn't take that thing away from thos Aussies.

Was it over-confidence that led to the Kangaroos' defeat? Did they feel they had it made, and stopped trying? Did they get a taste of their own medicine, or were illegal tactics applied by the other team?

It's hard to say.

But it seems the Kangaroos have phychic powers. They wrote a poem about themselves called "The Kanga Bloody Roos."

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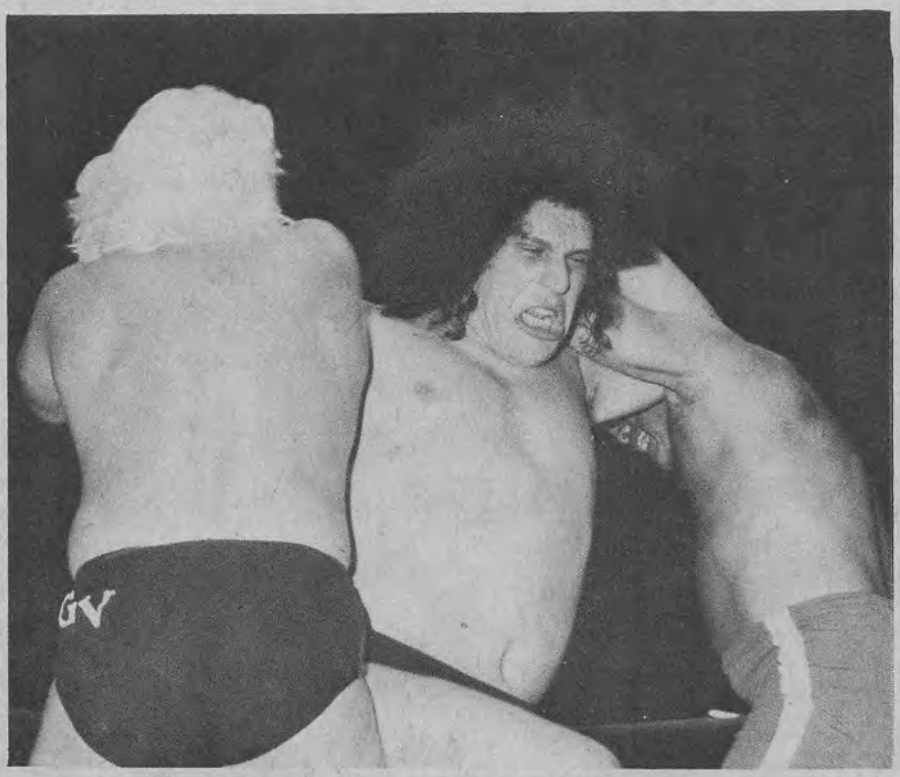

THE MATCH ANDRE THE GIANT SHOULDN'T HA

Photos by Gary Dubin

THE "MANIAC," JOHN TOLOS, was laughing uncontrollably.

"We showed him. We showed that Andre the Midget! He may be able to beat two preliminary wrestlers, but against superstars like Greg Valentine and myself he's just a big fish out of water!

Tolos' partner for the match nodded in agreement.

"Andre bit off a lot more than he could chew," said Valentine. "Against me and the "Golden Greek" he looked like the overgrown clod he really is!"

"That fool is as dumb as he is tall," added Tolos. "Who the hell does he think he is trying to take on two all-time greats in a handicap match? I hope the beating he received will knock some sense into his head!"

Without a doubt, Andre the Giant should not have taken the match against Tolos and Valentine. However, since rising to the top of the wrestling world, Andre has never ducked anyone.

"It was a matter of pride," said the Giant after the bout. "I wanted to prove to the world that even two against one I will stand tall. And I did.

"During the entire match I never sank to the vicious level of those two. I still have my pride. Those two have nothing!"

"It's not needling, you moron!" Tolos screamed. "It's simply managerial genius. If you want something you have to know how to get it. I get everything I want.

"I know the Giant is a mental midget. So I simply said he couldn't beat me and Valentine in a handicap match. The dummy took the match to prove me wrong. Of course, we gave him the beating of his life!"

The ugly part of Tolos' statement might be its truthfulness. Andre the Giant did indeed suffer the beating of his life. Considering, however, it was two against one, it was lucky the Giant wasn't hurt more than he was.

The bout was vicious and cruel. What Valentine and Tolos lacked in size they made up in savagery. That night they were whirlwinds of brutality.

They attacked Andre unmercifully. Double-teaming him constantly, they never gave the Giant a chance. Tolos and Valentine had only one goal—murder! Fortunately, Andre's supreme strength and conditioning prevented the duo from achieving its goal.

As overpowered as Andre was, he was still able to show Tolos and Valentine a feat of strength or two. At one point, after an unbelievably vile

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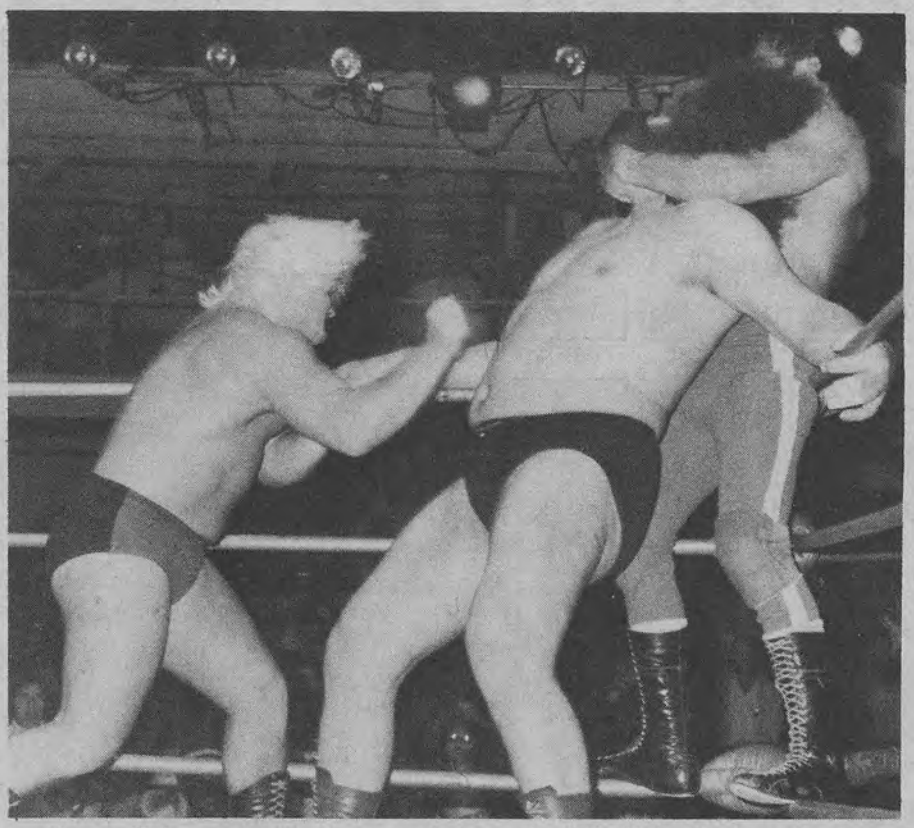
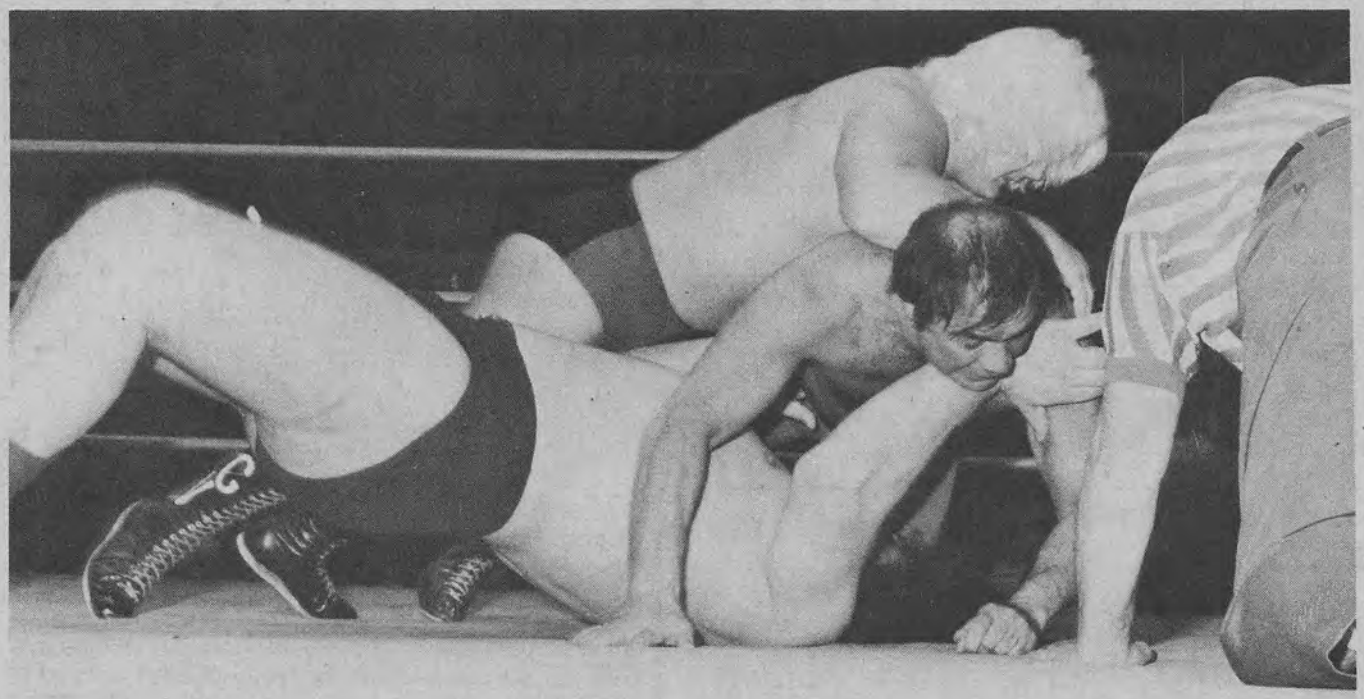


Above: Tolos grabs Andre around the neck while Valentine punches the giant gappler repeatedly in the belly. Left: Working together, Tolos and Valentine send Andre toppling to the canvas. Below: Andre is on the bottom, unable to escape from Valentine and Tolos.



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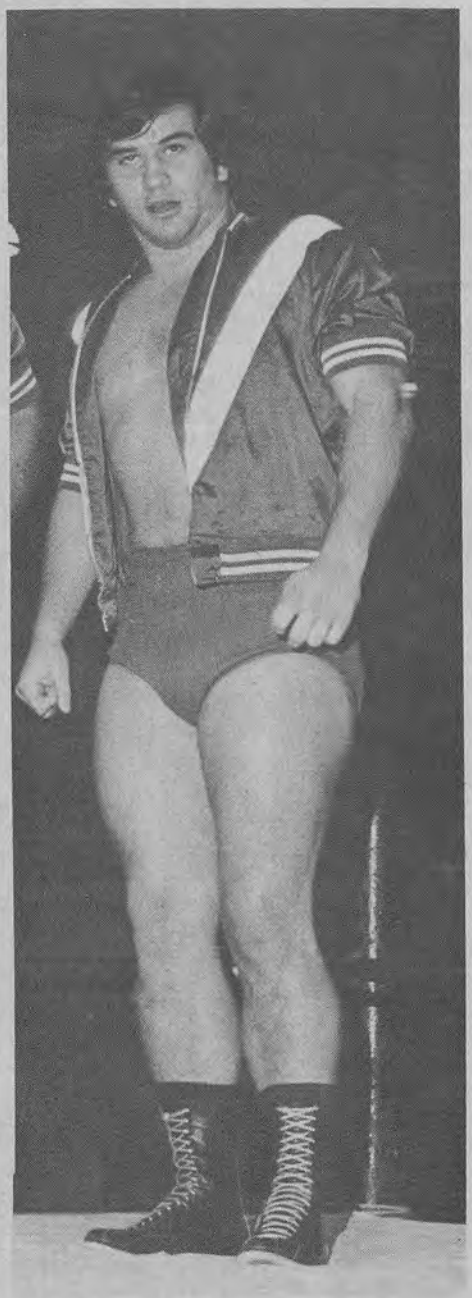

By JERRY BRISCO

ANSWER THESE 10 questions yes or no and find out what kind of fan you are.

1. If I want to meet a wrestler or get his autograph I wait by the wrestlers' entrance to the arena to speak to him before or after a match.

2. If I saw a wrestler I like who was in serious trouble in the ring I'd throw something at his opponent to express my displeasure.

3. When a villain walks down the aisle I call him every bad name I can think of.

4. If a referee misses a tag or a dirty tactic I scream as loud as I can to try to draw his attention to it.

5. If a villain gets thrown out of the ring I run over to try and hit him or throw something at him.

6. If I want to start a fan club for a wrestler I try to talk to him before a match to get his permission.

7. If one of my favorites has just won a match I try to congratulate him or pat him on the back as he's going back to the dressing room.

8. If a villain has a foreign object concealed in his trunks I try to yell as loud as I can to let the other wrestler and the referee know about it.

9. If I want to meet a wrestler real bad I find out where he lives or which gym he trains at and go there.

10. If I belong to a fan club I try to send as many pictures and stories about my favorite wrestler to all the magazines and newspapers I can.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Yes. Usually this is the only free time a wrestler will have. Trying to get an autograph inside the arena before a match is a difficult job at best and many wrestlers are too keyed up right then to be friendly. After a match at the wrestlers' entrance is the best place.

2. No. This is the worst thing you can do. Even if it were sports-

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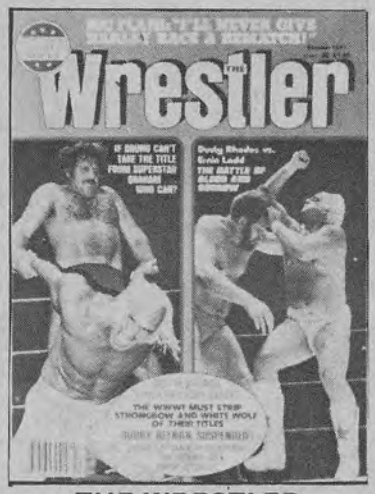

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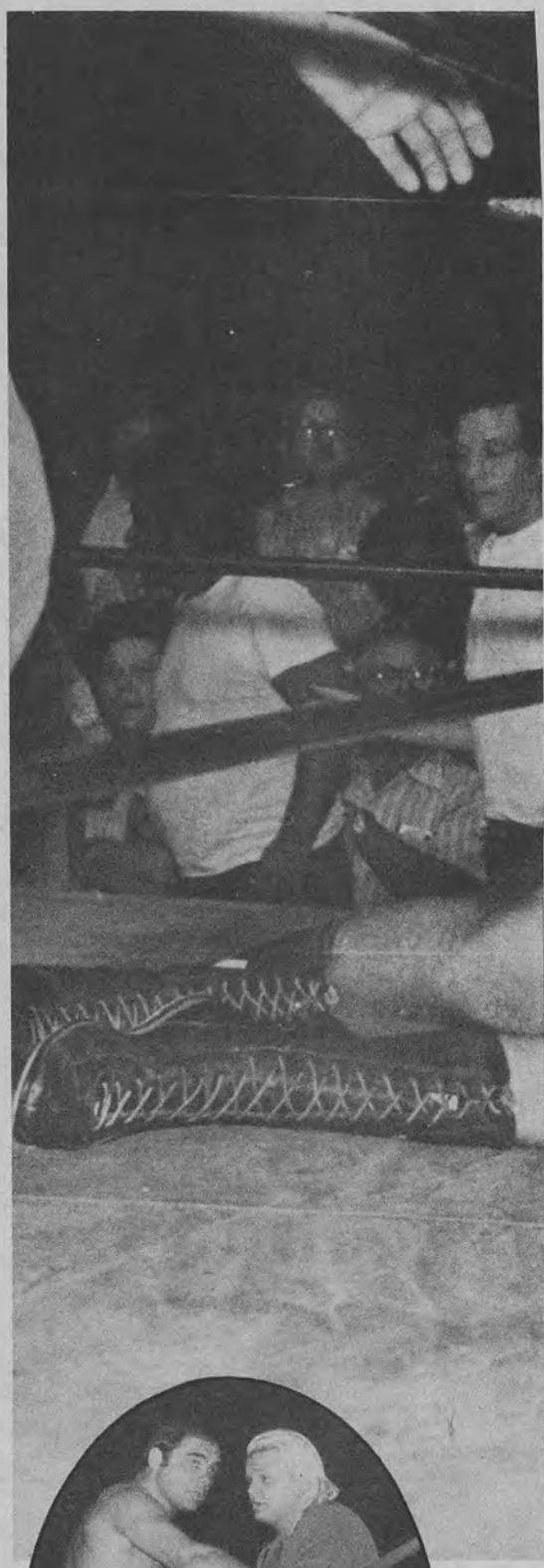
Left: A bloody and battered John Tolos goes after an equally battered and bloody Greg Valentine. The two men were once partners. It took only one argument, though, to turn them into bitter enemies. The pair battled in some of the most brutal matches ever seen in a wrestling arena!



JOHN TOLOS' BLOODY VENDETTA AGAINST JOHNNY AND GREG VALENTINE

THE BLOODY AND bitter feud between John Tolos and Greg Valentine is causing havoc although the men are separated by 1,500 miles! And under their umbrella of hatred now stands Greg's brother, Johnny.

No one is quite sure whether Johnny rushed into the feud for him or Tolos pushed him. Perhaps the truth is both were eager for him to enter the fray. It would be consistent with the two men's careers.

The promoter claims Valentine had already been scheduled to come to the Houston area and Tolos begged for the chance to wrestle him. The promoter adds that Valentine also requested the match, hoping to avenge some of the punishment which his brother suffered at Tolos' hands. And Tolos wanted to get even for the agony which Greg made him suffer.

John Tolos' hatred for Greg Valentine has become a family affair—now the Golden Greek is after Greg's brother, Johnny!

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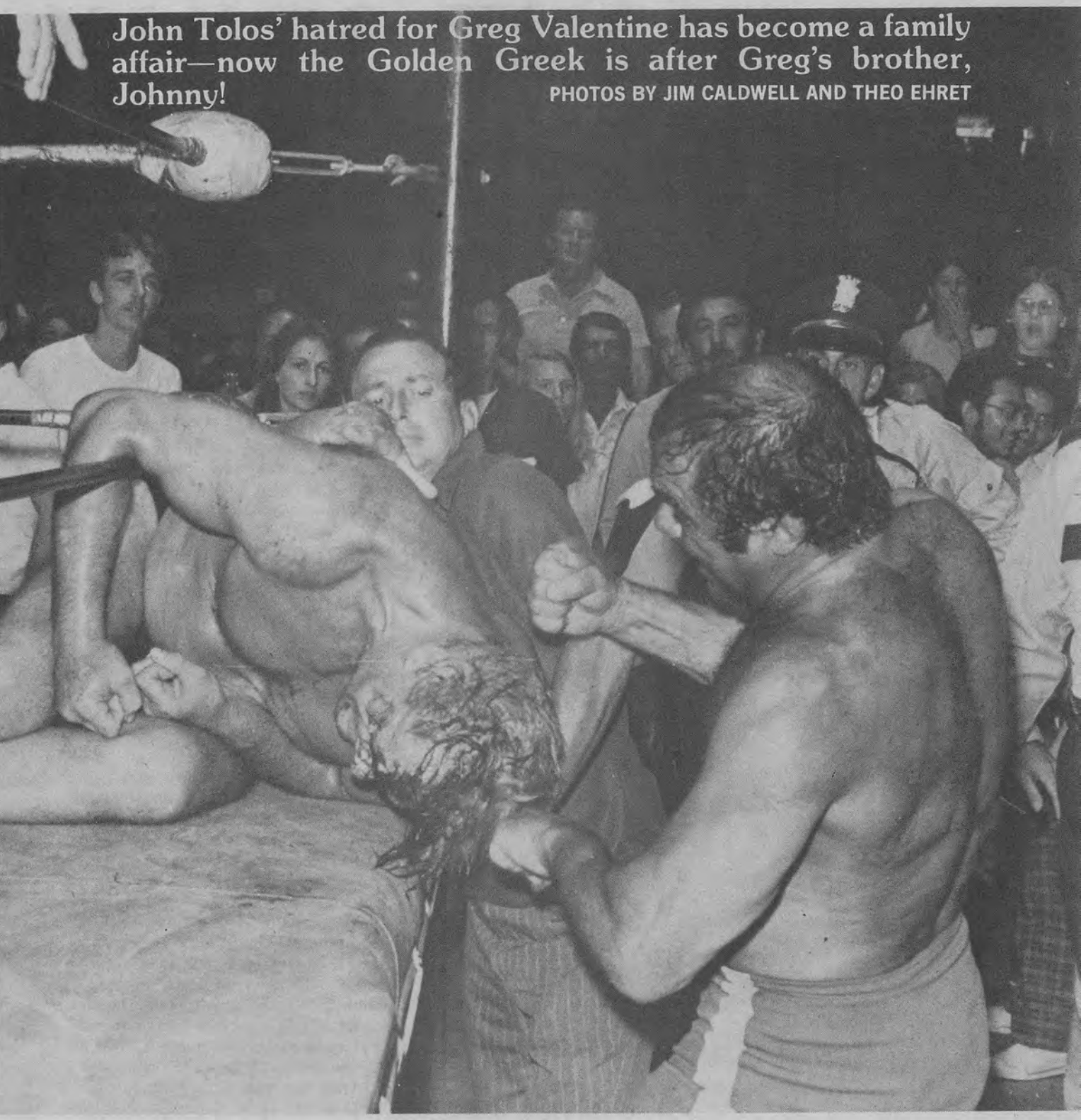

Left: Greg and John confer in the days before their feud. Above: Tolos cruelly batters and bloodies Johnny Valentine.

Before the match, Tolos added fire to the feud. He appeared on a local television station with a huge cardboard heart with "Valentine's Day" scrawled over it. The interviewer never had a chance to ask a question. No sooner was he on camera than Tolos was off and rambling.

"A Valentine," Tolos exclaimed, "is a fool! Johnny Valentine thinks he's going to beat me, thinks he can do what his dumb little brother couldn't do. He thinks the night of the match will be a wonderful event for his foolish family. He thinks it'll be Valentine's day, a match his family will brag about for years to come.

"Well," Tolos declared, his voice rising to a shout, "this is what will ... happen...on...Valentine's Day!"

He gave an animal scream and ripped the Valentine in half. Then he threw the pieces on the floor and stomped on them for almost a minute. When he was through, he raised his head like a wolf baying at the moon and laughed raucously. The interviewer stared at him with

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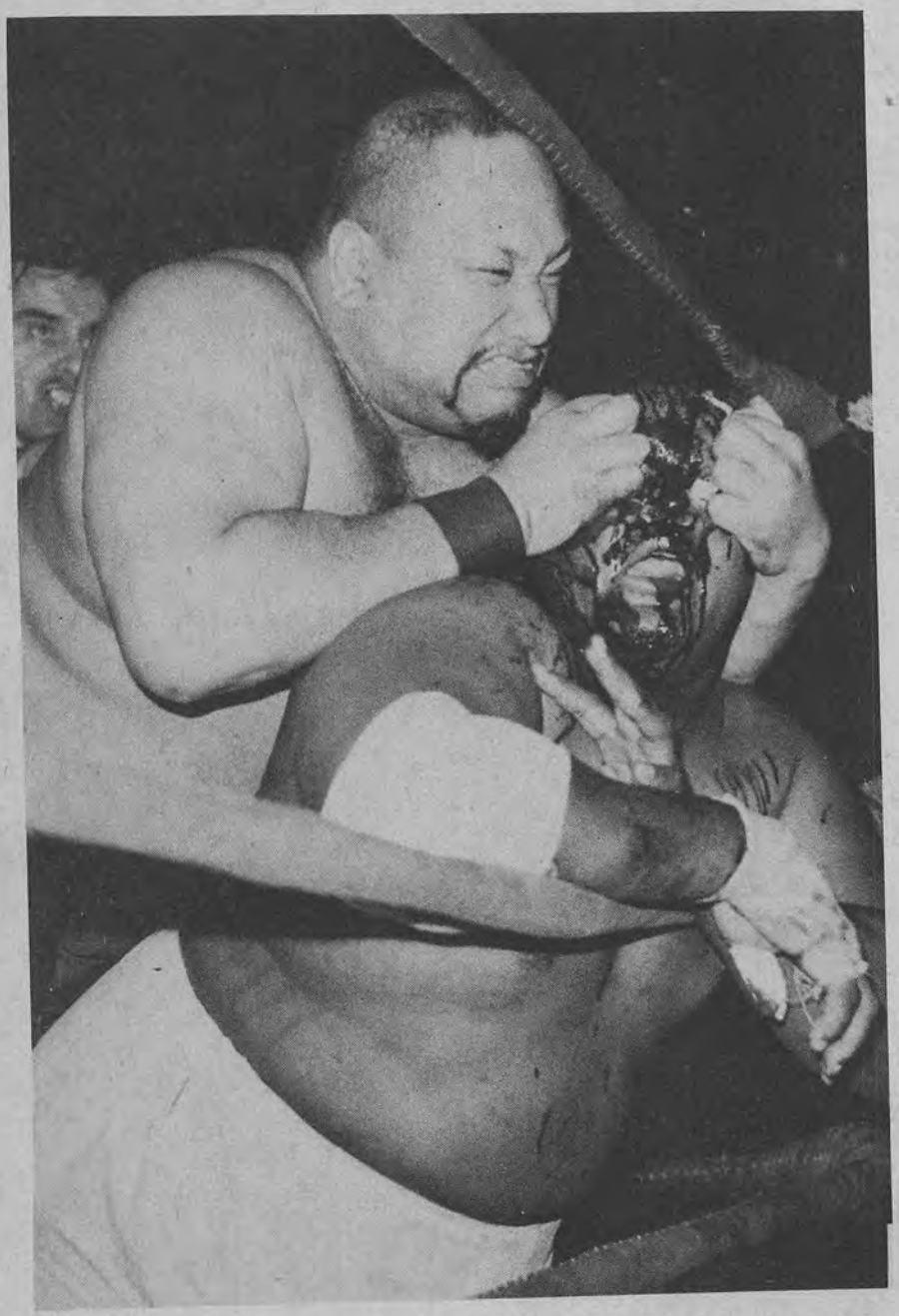
THE NIGHT ABDUL



In one of the goriest sights ever seen, blood pours from the sockets of Abdullah The Butcher's eyes as Tor Kamata digs his fingers into them. This is certainly the worst beating Abdullah's ever received.

"ABDULLAH, IF YOU'VE got any guts, step into this ring!" yelled Tor Kamata.

This challenge from any other wrestler would be easily understood. But from the "Great" Tor Kamata it was a shock to everyone.

You see, several months ago Abdullah the Butcher returned to Edmonton, Alberta, after a long, successful stay in the United States. He was immediately matched against 300-pound Kamata. The two have been rivals for years even though their paths seldom crossed. Their reputations preceded them everywhere and each has had to hear how great the other is.

Up to then Kamata was having few problems defending his North American title. He destroyed formidable opponents like Kurt Von Hess and Big John Quinn in only minutes. But with the return of the Butcher, it seemed Toru would finally meet his downfall.

Promotor Stu Hart predicted "this might well be the wildest match in the history of professional wrestling!"

Wild and bloodthirsty it was! Each man had one fall to his credit when the match was over. While battling outside, each grappler used foreign objects ranging from popsicle sticks to the timekeeper's table. They battled in the stands, in the dressing room, and even outside the arena! National Wrestling Alliance officials declared the match a "no-contest" and ordered special police to break up the melee and restore order.

After the near riot, Abdullah the Butcher left N.W.A. territory. With the guidance of his former manager, Black Baron, Abdullah terrorized fans and wrestlers in National Wres-

Sure. Abdullah The Butcher kept the North American championship. But look at the price he paid!

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LAH THE BUTCHER

Blinded by his own blood, Abdullah The Butcher vainly tries to crawl out of the ring. But an enraged Tor Kamata has him by the throat while biting into his forehead! This was a meeting of bloodthirsty killers!

tling Federation territory. The incredibly brutal Sudanese even won the N.W.F. championship from Ernie "The Cat" Ladd!

But that wasn't the title he was after. He still wanted the North American championship. So after losing the N.W.F. championship to Johnny Valentine, Abdullah came back to Edmonton.

With his new manager, "Tiger" Joe Tomasso, he proved himself merciless by hospitalizing Britisher Geoff Portz and winning the North American championship. That same night he became friends with Tor Kamata. The sudden friendship grew so strong there was talk of them forming a tag team. As Kamata explained, "no one could stop us. We could be the greatest team ever."

A few months later, Abdullah The Butcher was pitted against Portz in an N.W.A.-sanctioned rematch. Geoff wanted revenge. The bout was squared at one fall apiece when Portz got tangled in the ropes.

The cunning Sudanese quickly went to work on the British star. It looked like the end for Portz when Kamata made a strange appearance at ringside. To the astonishment of the crowd, the 300-pound Oriental untied Portz and set foot on the canvas.

A dumbfounded Abdullah, feeling threatened, hit the now infuriated Japanese with the object he used on Portz. This made Kamata go berserk! The ex-Sumo star unleashed repeated deadly karate chops to the head and body. A bloodied and beaten Abdullah made a hasty retreat.

Tor Kamata immediately challenged the Butcher to return. It was obvious their friendship was finished.

CHERED!

When asked why, Kamata exclaimed, "that Mr. Abdullah have something I want very badly, the North American championship!"

The break was inevitable. Both are strong-willed, competitive individuals and only the innocent would believe they could ever work together.

"Abdullah and Kamata are now involved in a state of war," said promoter Hart. "I must give Kamata a title match against the Butcher."

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PHOTOS BY BOB BISHOP

DOES DORY JR. HAVE LORD AL HAYS "PSYCHE

LORD AL HAYS lay on the training table, his mind years and miles away from the St. Louis auditorium. His mind burned with thoughts of two other matches, matches against the man he would meet shortly, Dory Funk Jr.

Hays' mind wandered back a few years to his title bout with then N.W.A. champion Dory. Few matches contained more scientific skill than this classic battle. At the match's conclusion, Hays won the final fall and the championship—or so everyone thought.

Angered over what he considered poor refereeing, the late Dory Funk Sr. stormed into the ring and slammed the referee with a roundhouse punch to the head. When the official recovered, he made one of the most controversial decisions in wrestling history.

"Instead of losing the match on falls," the referee declared, "Dory Funk Jr. is disqualified for the actions of his father!"

Hays was stunned. His elation instantly curdled. Al screamed, "Wait!

Left: Dory sets up Lord Al for a surfboard, from which Hays escapes using scientific moves. Below: Dory's attempt to flip Hays becomes a power contest.

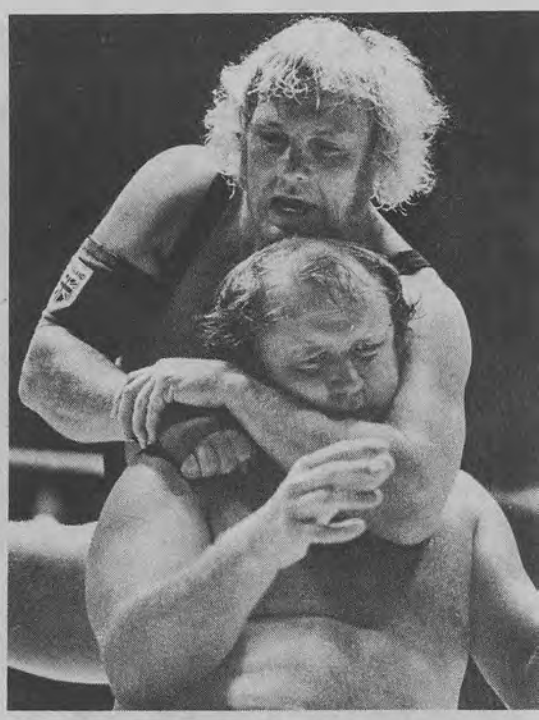
A lot of time has passed since Lord Al Hays whipped Dory Funk Jr. in an N.W.A. title match but wasn't awarded the belt. And don't think for one moment that Lord Al has forgotten that incident

If you disqualify him, then I don't win the title! I can't win a title on a disqualification. You can't change your decision after the match!"

However, the referee's decision to change the decision held. Dory Funk Jr. retained his title even though he had legally lost two out of three falls.

Naturally, the decision generated a great deal of controversy. Lying on the training table, Hays smiled as he recalled the number of great wrestlers who added their names to petitions calling for Hays to be awarded the championship. The smile quickly faded when he remembered how ineffectual all the protests proved.

Dory did give Hays a rematch two weeks later. Again, it was a magnif-



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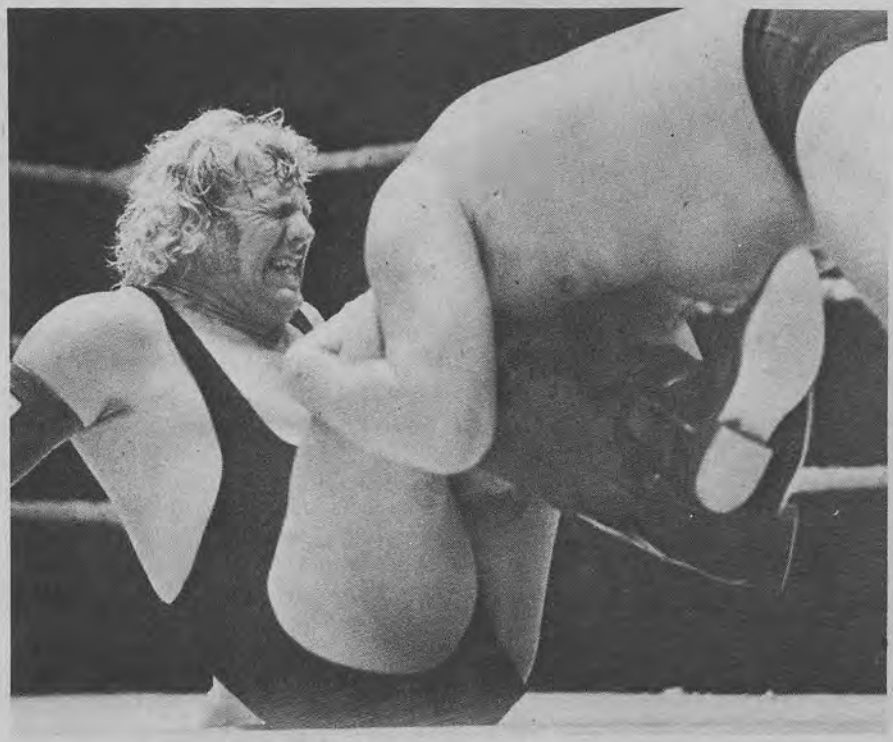
Above left: Dory comes off the ropes to find Hays ready to lift and body slam him. Above: Dory writhes in pain from an Al Hays chinlock. Below: Dory lifts Hays off his feet and sends him crashing to the mat.



Hays' face grimaces from the strain of squeezing Dory's head between his legs and banging the skull repeatedly to the canvas (above). Al couldn't know then that all his struggles would soon go for naught.

icent display of scientific wrestling. Again, it was a close match. Again, Dory was disqualified on a minor technicality with Hays on the brink of becoming champion.

As the final moments flashed through his brain, Hays brought his fist down hard on the dressing room table. Only then did he realize his nails, digging into his palms, had drawn blood.

Then Hays remembered the series of matches which saw the bitter wrestler turn from a scientific to a viciously dirty wrestler. Quickly, the names and faces of men he's maimed in the last few years came to mind. Many wrestlers who were forced to seek other professions rue the day Lord Al Hays felt the title belt was stolen from him.

Now, years later, when Al was approached to challenge Dory for Funk's Missouri State title, Hays at first laughed, a cold, ugly laugh. When the laughter stopped, his words came out with a cruel earnestness.

"There's now way in hell," Hays spat, "I'll never wrestle Funk for a title again! I'm not going to go through that again, ever! I couldn't get a decent break against Funk for all the money in the world. Why bother? Get some other sucker."

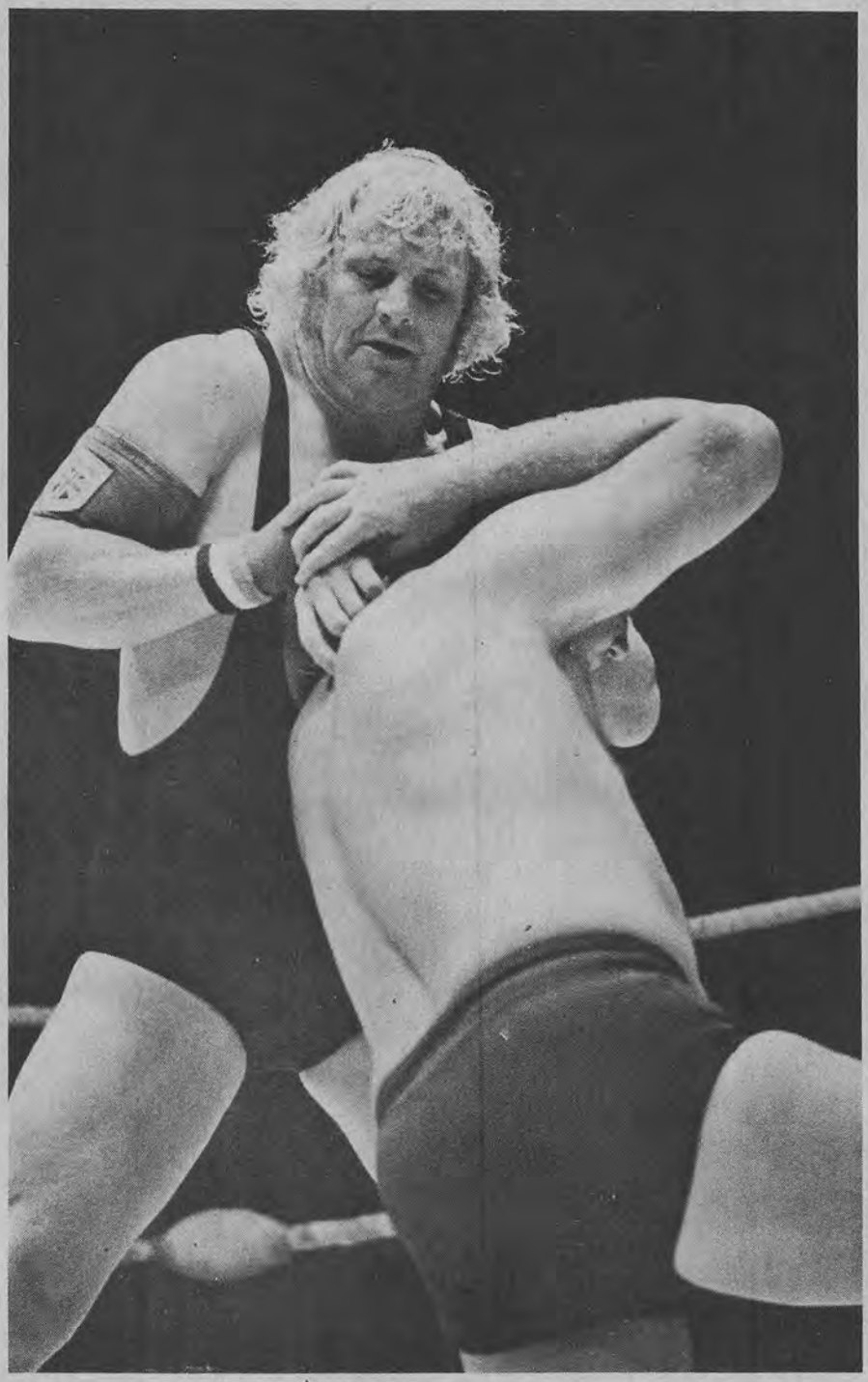
Yet the promoters continued their pleas for a match. They appealed to his pride, doubled the usual purse to appeal to his greed, and threatened to suspend him if he failed to wrestle. Against his will and better judgement, Hays finally accepted the match.

So Lord Al found himself training for another title match against Dory Funk, Jr. His first notion was to use every dirty trick in the book and invent some others if they proved insufficient. Then, after long personal thought, he changed his mind.

"If I'm in it," Al told friends, "let me use this as the one chance I have of righting two wrongs. I beat Funk twice scientifically, so I know I can do it. I was robbed both times. This time, I'm going to prove to the world who should have been N.W.A. champion years ago. I'm going to show that wrestling's finest moment, my championship, never occurred because of stupidity and cheating! I'm going to make the years Dory was champion seem a slander on wrestling history!"

Al not only trained, he immersed himself in N.W.A. rulebooks. No rule was too obscure to escape Hays' scrutiny. He became a man obsessed by regulations, feverishly imagining instances where a victory could be snatched from him by a technicality. One could almost say Hays was preparing to defeat the rulebook instead of Funk.

The night of the match found Hays lying on the training table, remembering all that had happened to bring him to this place. As he slowly swung his feet to the floor, Lord Al tried to recall all the technicalities he has prepared to avoid. He also gave a little consideration to his opponent.



Muscles straining, Lord Al Hays and Dory Funk Jr. are locked in a test of strength. Dory, who began the test at a disadvantage, is slowly sinking to his knees as Hays refuses to let up the pressure.

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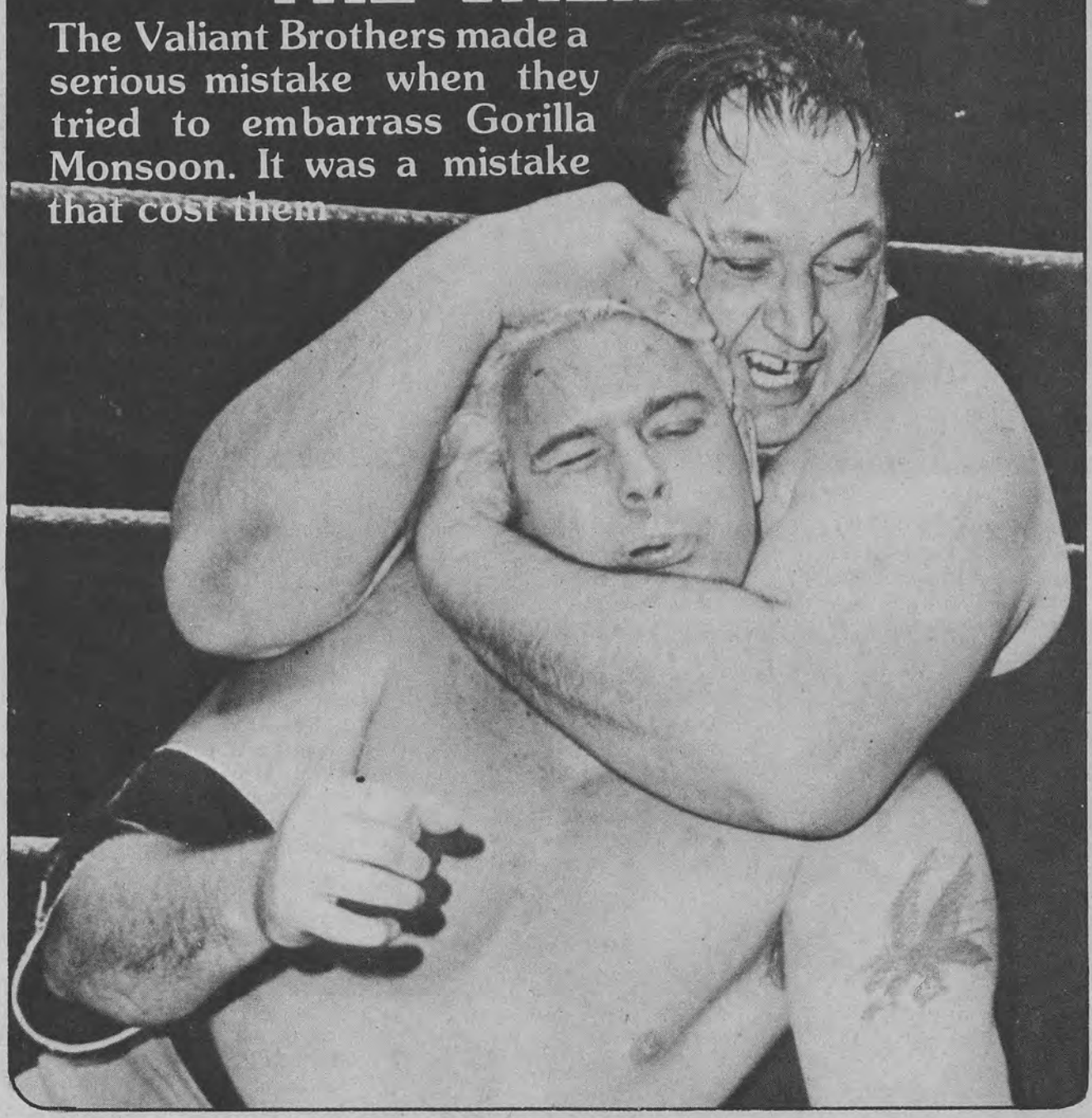
WHEN GORILLA MONSOON GOT REVENGE AGAINST THE VALIANTS

The Valiant Brothers made a serious mistake when they tried to embarrass Gorilla Monsoon. It was a mistake that cost them



LAW 'N ORDER. That's what Bruno Sammartino and Chief Jay Strongbow had hoped they'd get in their third match against Lou Albano's Valiant Brothers at Madison Square Garden.

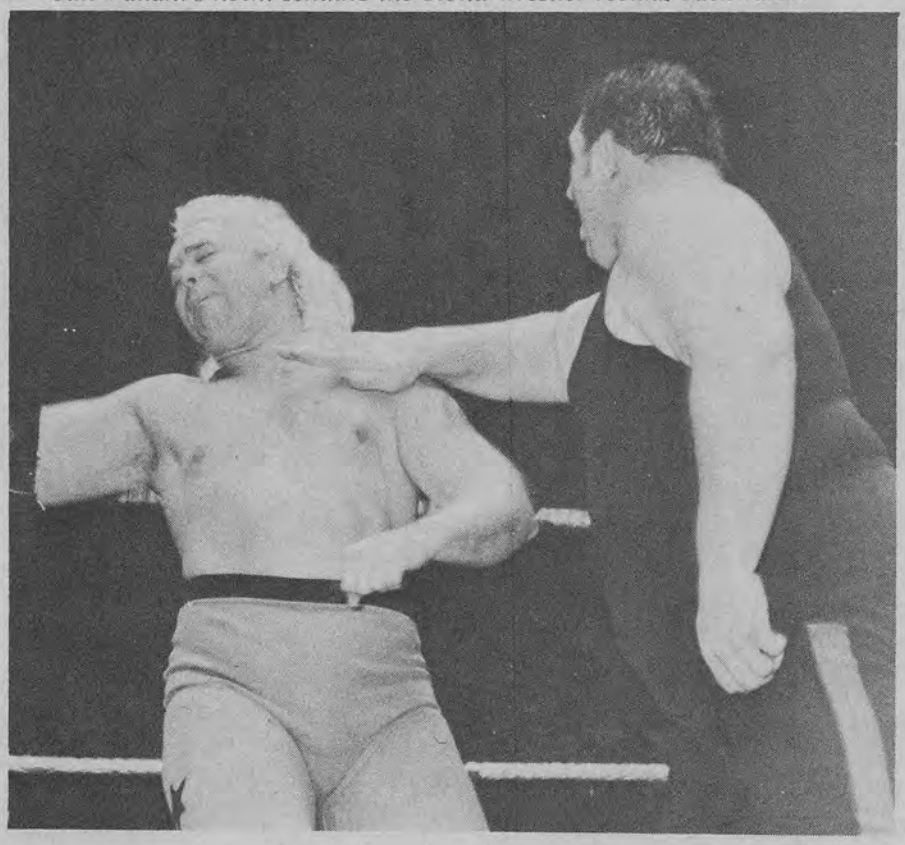
And to ensure they'd get some fair refereeing, Gorilla Monsoon was summoned by the World Wide Wrestling Federation to referee the match.

"Not only will I keep the Valiants orderly during the match," Monsoon said, "but I'll also make sure Bruno and the Chief stay within the rule book."

For one fall things were going pretty good. But then, with the Valiants down one fall, they decided to get themselves disqualified so they'd retain their title. And what better way to do that than by attacking the referee—Gorilla Monsoon!

They saw their opening and sneak attacked Monsoon. One Valiant kept

Above: Monsoon and Strongbow trap Jim Valiant in the corner and work the notorious grappler over mercilessly, like Valiant has done to so many before! Below: A raging Monsoon smashes a judo chop to Jim Valiant's neck, sending the blond wrestler reeling backwards.



Bruno and Strongbow busy while the other ripped Monsoon's shirt and stomped on him repeatedly. In a matter of seconds, the other Valiant brother was joining in the massacre. When Albano tried to run from the dressing room area to help, the police held him back.

Finally, Bruno and Strongbow chased them from the ring. They helped Monsoon to his feet. The Gorilla was fuming.

"The three of us should wrestle Albano and the Valiants here at the Garden!" Monsoon exclaimed as Bruno and the Chief tried to calm him down in the dressing room.

"That's impossible," Bruno's manager, Arnold Skoaland cut in. "Bruno's signed to wrestle someone else on the next card."

"Okay." Monsoon said. "Then the Chief and I want the match!"

Strongbow nodded in agreement. They understood why Bruno couldn't join them—and how badly he wanted to do that. But a contract is a contract and Bruno always honors his commitments.

Monsoon approached the promoters. Minutes later Gorilla and Chief got their answer.

"It's okay," they were told. "As long

Above: Monsoon's powerful bulk squeezes the Valiants into the corner and Strongbow leaps atop his partner and pounds away at the team with hard forearm smashes. Left: John Valiant squirms in a Monsoon bearhug!

as it's a non-title match. Albano does not want the title on the line."

"We don't care!" Monsoon said. "We've got a score to settle with them. That's all!" So the match was signed and sealed—and a few weeks later—delivered.

Interviewed just a few minutes before the match, Monsoon was asked if he was surprised at the Valiants' sneak attack during their match against Bruno and Strongbow.

"I was not surprised," he admitted. "They are fairly intelligent. And anything they don't know, Lou Albano tells them. They knew that in that match they had only two chances—slim and none.

"What they did was very clever. It saved the title for them. They were disqualified.

"We've trained hard for this match, the Chief and I. And we've trained to fight brute force and quickness. That's the only thing that can beat them. They're gonna break the rules as much as they can. You can't expect to win in a match against the Valiants unless your side also goes against the rules at times. It's the only way to combat them."

The Chief and Monsoon confidently jogged down the aisle toward the ring. All the way to the ring they heard fans yelling, "Get 'em, Monsoon! Get revenge!" The majority of the crowd seemed on their side. A few were on the side of the Valiants.

It became evident early in the match that Monsoon and Strongbow were to have a night of revenge they'd never forget. The Valiants did score many times with their dirty tactics, but the special training methods employed by Monsoon and Strongbow saw them walk away feeling satisfied.

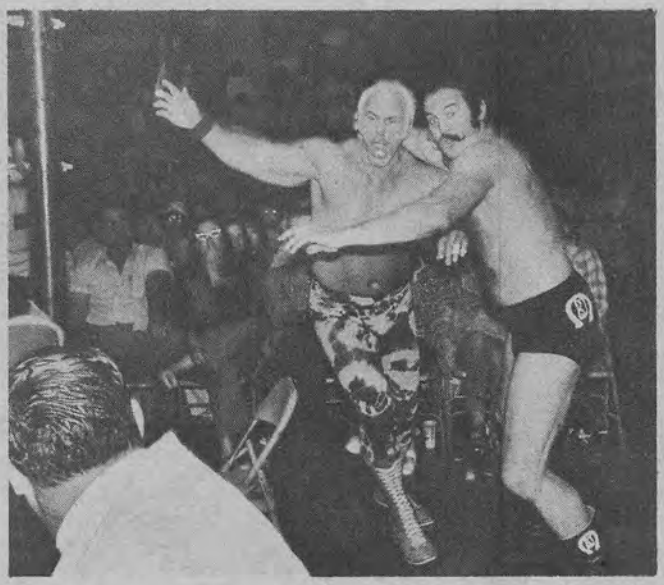
"When the Valiants mess with us," Strongbow said, "they know they're not going against two guys who are interested in wrestling scientifically. We can wrestle their style, and after tonight, I am certain they won't want to wrestle us ever again."

"Listen!" Lou Albano exclaimed. "They were the first ones to break the rules. We tried to wrestle the Indian and the blimp scientifically. But they wouldn't have any of it. You got a renegade and a crazy ape in that ring. They should be banned. They shouldn't be allowed in an arena!"

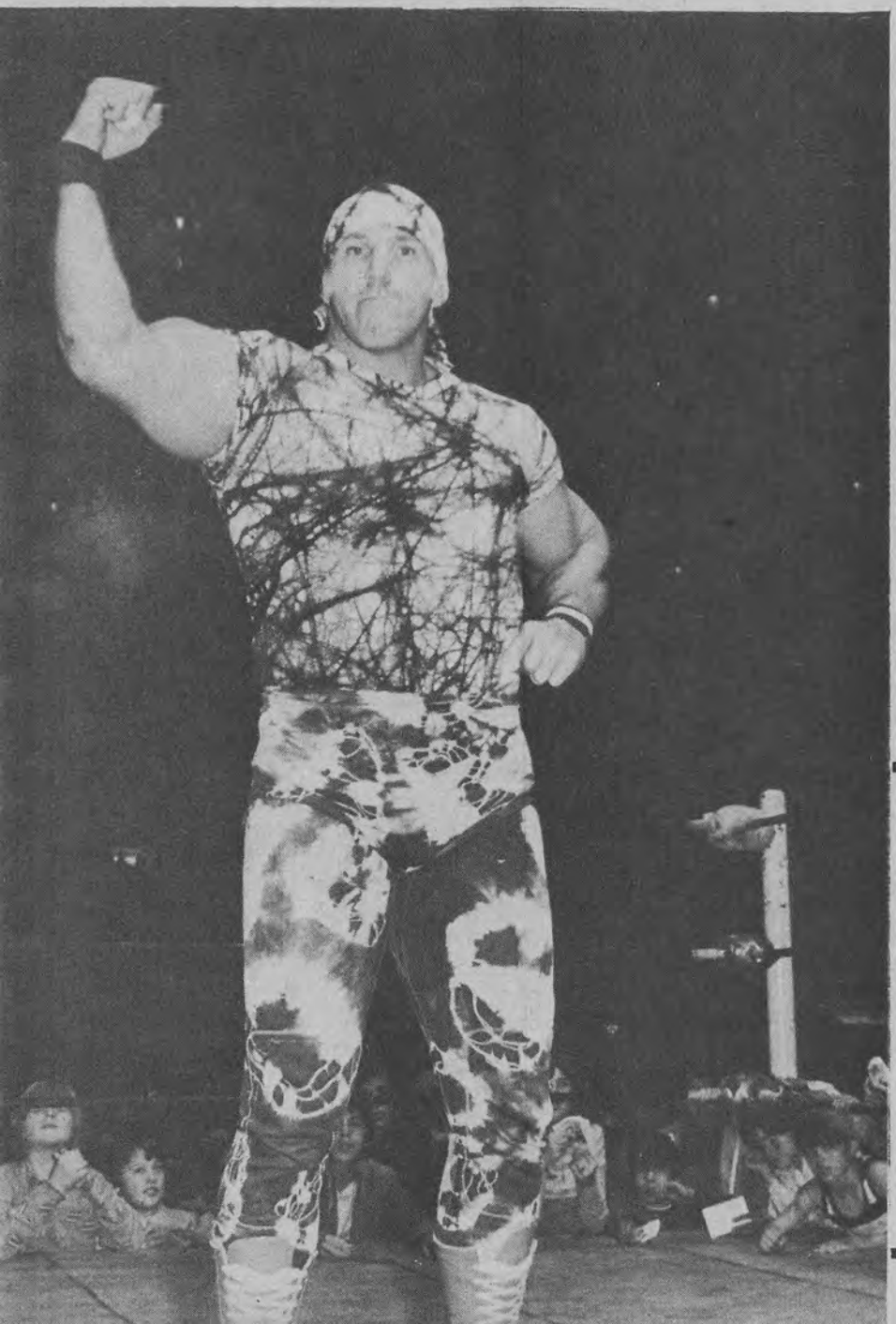
Monsoon summed things up this way.

"They can name call and cry all they want. But we fought fire with fire, and one day, if they have guts enough to put the title up against us, they'll lose those belts. I can guarantee that."

As this went to press, Albano and the Valiants were not making any overtures to defend the title against them. Interesting, isn't it! □



Left: As the wild action can no longer be contained within the ropes, Lanza grabs Graham by the hair and hurls the great grappler across the concrete. Below: Billy flexes his huge muscles as the fans go wild. It's this kind of adulation which infuriates Lanza so much.



THERE ARE MANY wrestlers who were outraged at Billy Graham for changing his style and choosing scientific wrestlers as his tag team partners. For one man, however, it provided the chance he always wanted.

For years Blackjack Lanza has resented the adulation and attention given to Graham because of the wrestler's build and classic good looks. Every photo of Graham appearing on the cover of a magazine was a slap on the face to Lanza. When they began calling Billy "Superstar," it made Lanza despise the man he once called "friend."

Few realize Lanza's ego is just as great as Graham's, if not greater. However, he lacks "Superstar's" flair, making it impossible for him to evoke the same kind of publicity Graham effortlessly generates. Anyhow, Lanza's always felt the only thing which should matter is how a man handles himself in a match. He can't understand Graham's appeal.

"Graham is a hero," Lanza states, "because the fans are stupid. Most of them wouldn't know a wrestler from a honeydew melon. Especially the girls, who can't see anything past a pretty face. I'm a *man,* something those girls want no part of! All they want is to scream at some pretty boy they can control. Girls are for Graham. *Women* are for Lanza!

"And the stupid magazines which are supposed to be about wrestling but put Graham on the cover make *me sick.* Why don't they praise the real wrestlers, like me? They should tell the fans who's good and who's a

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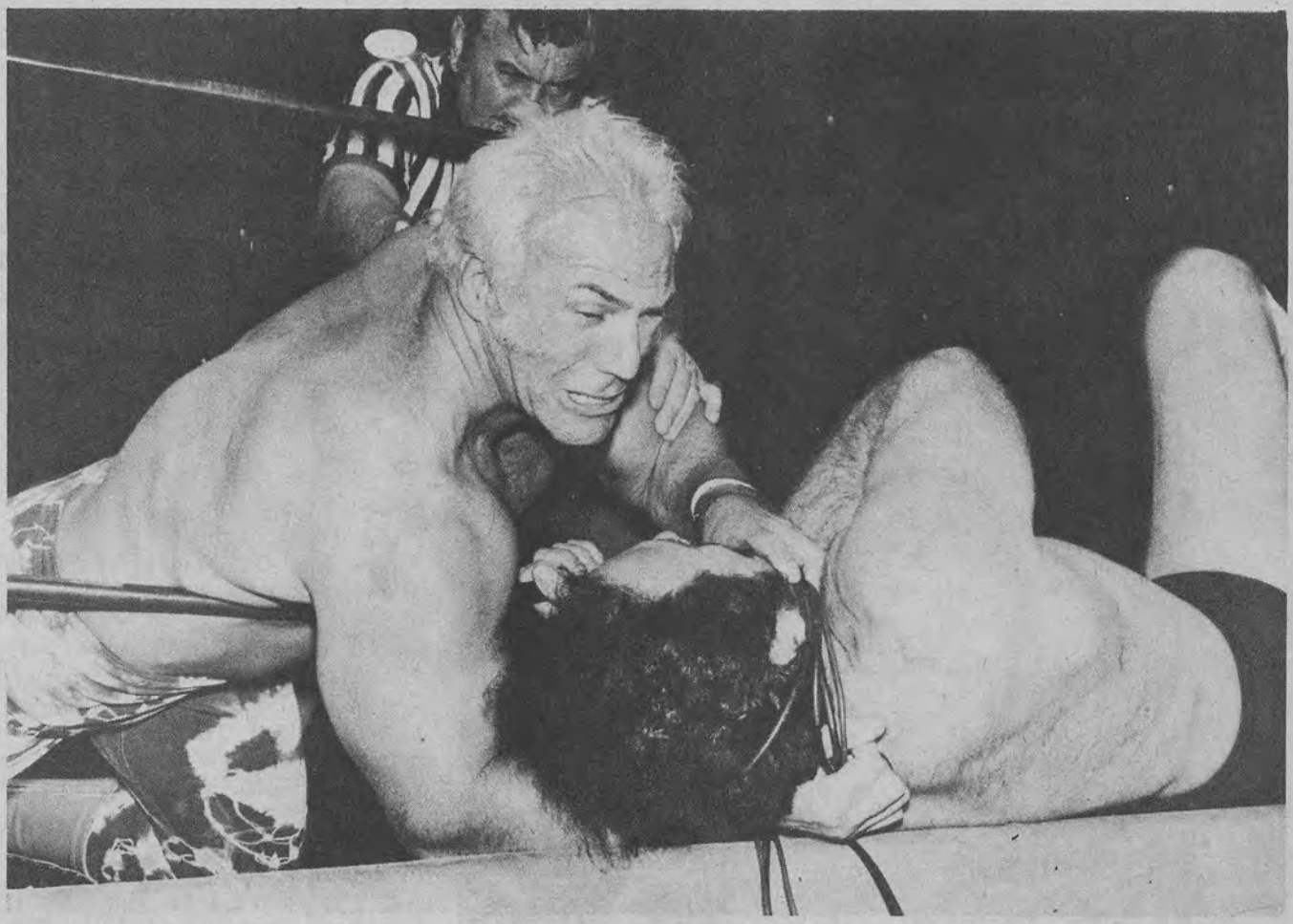

Grabbing the microphone wire, a raging Graham tries to choke the life out of Blackjack Lanza!

pretty joke. Instead, they praise Graham, who is not even a *pretty* joke, as far as I'm concerned! It's enough to make a real athlete sick to his stomach!"

Since Graham has changed his style, Lanza is now free to say publicly what many suspected he felt privately for years. Many are repulsed by the intensity of Blackjack's insults. But all his damned up feelings have been freed after all this time and a deluge of hatred was bound to flow. The force of the flood has been staggering.

Though he pretends to be unaffected by the present slanders, Billy can't hide his shock at realizing that a man whom he believed to be his friend actually despised him all these years!

"When I think of the secrets we

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For all those years when he teamed with him and pretended to be his buddy, Blackjack Lanza was really insanely envious of "Superstar" Graham!

PHOTOS BY JIM CALDWELL

CRET INGREDIENT IN KJACK LANZA'S RSONALITY!

Chris Markoff thought he'd have it made when he found out who the referee would be for his match against Mil Mascaras. But poor Chris got the surprise of his life when he ran into . . .

FREDDIE

SOME PEOPLE JUST ain't cut out to be referees and Freddie Blassie is one of them!"

That was the opinion of Chris Markoff after he claimed Blassie's refereeing cost him an important match against Mil Mascaras. "I thought a guy with Blassie's reputation would be easier, if anything," Markoff added, "but he's stricter than any referee I've ever seen."

The reason Markoff was so angry was Blassie's strict interpretation of the rules. The slightest infraction brought a reprimand from Freddie. And who should know rule infractions better than Blassie?

What was Blassie doing as third man in the ring?

"The regular referee called in sick," Freddie explained and that meant the backup referee had to handle the entire card. Some of the preliminary matches were pretty raunchy and by the time the feature match between Chris Markoff and Mil Mascaras rolled around the referee was beat. I was just about recovered from my injury so I volunteered to officiate the feature match. I must say I was shocked at some of the antics Markoff tried to use. He told me he was only doing what I do and I told him he ought to be ashamed of himself. I never would do some of the things he did. It was a disgusting exhibition."

"That Blassie is the biggest fraud there is," Chris complained. "When they first asked Mascaras and myself if we had any objections to Blassie as a referee I certainly didn't. I figured I had it made in the shade. After all, nobody kicked and bit more than Freddie. He's been called one of the dirtiest wrestlers in the business so I figured with him in there I could bend the rules a little. But he was like a reformed alcoholic. He watched me like a hawk. That's

BLASSIE—REFEREE???

Freddie warns Chris Markoff (left) about his "flagrant violations of the rules." He watched Markoff's every move and didn't let Chris get away with a single violation. Markoff cannot take it any more so he hauls off and belts Blassie (right) getting himself disqualified.

Blassie, however, doesn't take that from anybody, so he grabs Chris by the hair (left) and pulls him around the ring. Fred considered Markoff's tactics "shameful" and Markoff retorted by calling Freddie a "hypocrite." Chris claimed Freddie was more strict than any other referee who ever officiated a match.

why I had to slug him."

Markoff slugged Blassie out of frustration more than anything else. Early in the match, when Chris took Mascaras down by pulling his mask, Freddie made him break the hold. Markoff grabbed Mil by the trunks. Blassie made him break the hold. Markoff tied Mascaras up in the ropes. Blassie wouldn't let him near Mil until Freddie himself freed the masked man. No matter what illegal move Markoff made—Blassie was right there to warn him and, if necessary, break the hold. But what got Chris angry enough to slug Freddie was what Blassie called the "shoe caper."

Markoff managed to get in a few illegal kicks despite Blassie's vigilance. And when they seemed to have more than the usual effect, Blassie actually stopped the match and instructed Chris to remove his shoe. As Mascaras leaned against the ropes smiling, Markoff sat down on the mat, untied his laces and struggled to remove his boot. But because it was so tight—he wound up lying flat on his back as Blassie yanked and tugged until it came off.

Freddie could find nothing in the offending shoe. And when Blassie came up to Markoff, pointed his finger in his face and warned him in no uncertain terms about further kicking, well, it was the last straw. Chris hauled off and belted the referee.

Blassie disqualified Markoff but that didn't end it. He grabbed Chris by the hair and dragged him around the ring as the fans stood up and cheered. And the man who enjoyed it most was Mil Mascaras.

"This was the strangest match I've ever been in," Mil said after it

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CHIEF WAHOO McDANIEL

A ONE-MAN INDIAN UPRISING!

The night Chief Wahoo McDaniel met Dusty Rhodes brought back memories . . . memories of the famous day in history when General Custer was massacred at Little Big Horn. Like Custer at Little Big Horn, Dusty Rhodes had no idea what he was running up against when he met Chief Wahoo.

By H.L. Vernon

IT COULD HAVE been "Custer's Last Stand." That was what fans were saying after viewing the long-awaited grudge match between Chief Wahoo McDaniel and his arch enemy—Dusty Rhodes.

Blood flowed as easily as it did at the Custer massacre. And by the time the smoke cleared, Rhodes had bitten the dust and lay helpless in his own blood while other wrestlers had to hold Wahoo back from inflicting even more punishment. McDaniel wanted Dusty's scalp!

What started this slaughter? How did it begin?

The exact date and time cannot be pinpointed. McDaniel and Rhodes have had a hatred for each other for quite awhile. But what brought it to a head was a combination of Rhodes' thirst for brutality and McDaniel's hair-trigger temper.

Rhodes was wrestling Treach Phillips and handing him a terrible beating. He wasn't satisfied with merely beating his opponent. He was stomping him—trying to maim and cripple a hapless foe. The bell had rung and the match was over. But Rhodes would not stop.

As is his habit, McDaniel, scheduled to go on in the next match, was sitting at ringside waiting for the Rhodes-Phillips bout to end. Seeing the senseless slaughter, Wahoo charged into the ring and leveled Dusty with one swipe of his patented tomahawk chop. Rhodes disappeared like a whipped dog.

That, however, wasn't the end of it. While McDaniel, who might be the greatest Indian athlete since the legendary Jim Thorpe, was being interviewed, Rhodes sneaked back, attacked the Chief, and tore his expensive headdress into pieces while screaming obscenities and bigoted remarks at the proud Indian.

"Go back to the reservation, Redskin!" Rhodes roared. "The only good Indian is a dead Indian! We should have wiped all of you out when we had the chance!"

With that outburst Rhodes again fled to the safety of the dressing room. McDaniel, still stunned by Dusty's outburst, just stood there boiling. Within five minutes the match was signed. "I've waited for this for a long time," McDaniel told the TV audience. "Blood will flow."

The week between the assault on TV and the match itself couldn't pass quickly enough for fans. They'd been wanting to see McDaniel give Rhodes what was coming to him for a long time.

At first, it appeared the match might be a disappointment. Rhodes ran from McDaniel as if Wahoo had

Chief Wahoo McDaniel goes berserk and sends a series of tomahawk chops to Dusty Rhodes' head (opposite page) opening a number of gashes on Rhodes' bloody forehead. Below: One of the two referees and an A.W.A. official hold back the angry Indian while Rhodes is busy running for his life to the safety of the dressing room.

After turning McDaniel's face into a gory mask by using elbow smashes with something concealed in his elbow pad, Rhodes goes after Wahoo outside the ring (left) and adds further punishment. Below: Covered with his own blood, the Chief struggles to get up off the floor and back into the ring. But every time he did Dusty kicked him off the ring apron back to the floor. It seemed Wahoo would never get back in.

a fatal disease. He refused to get near enough to allow McDaniel to clamp on a single hold. When Wahoo cornered him he simply climbed through the ropes and ran out of the ring. Dusty's strategy was obvious. He was waiting for an opportunity to nail the Chief with his elbow pad—inside which he carries an unknown but obviously razor-sharp foreign object!

Tired of Rhodes' refusal to fight, Wahoo chased him outside the ring. And this was where he made his mistake. Rhodes scampered back between the ropes. This meant he was inside the ring as Wahoo climbed back inside. And when the Chief took his eyes off Dusty to climb through the ropes—Rhodes charged and smashed his elbow pad into the Chief's face. Immediately, the skin separated and blood began spurting from McDaniel's face! Dusty had set a clever trap—and Chief Wahoo had fallen right into it!

His face covered with blood, McDaniel rolled off the ring apron onto the mat. Rhodes followed him. And while they were outside the ring Dusty continuously hammered away at McDaniel's face with his elbow pad.

As the referee's count got close to the disqualification point, Rhodes got back inside the ring. But every time McDaniel tried to get back in Dusty met him with another elbow smash to his face.

By now McDaniel's face was a gory mess and he couldn't see a thing. But still he tried to get back into the ring. Luckily, he managed to grab onto Rhodes' legs and although Dusty hammered away at Wahoo's bloody face—the courageous Indian refused to let go. And finally, using Dusty's legs for leverage, Wahoo managed to pull himself under the bottom rope and back into the ring!

Wiping the blood from his eyes, McDaniel advanced on the now-terrified Rhodes. He hadn't figured on Wahoo's getting back into the ring. The Chief threw a tomahawk chop and it landed squarely on Dusty's face. That chop was all that was needed. Blood began to flow from Rhodes' face as it had from McDaniel's. Now *both* men were covered with blood!

But Chief Wahoo wasn't finished yet. Tomahawk chop after tomahawk chop cracked into Rhodes' face as Dusty groveled on the mat pleading for mercy. It was becoming a massacre now and the referee couldn't control the Indian.

Wrestlers began jumping into the ring to hold the still-bleeding McDaniel as Rhodes was carried to safety in the dressing room. And even after McDaniel returned to his own dressing room he remained angry. It took two full hours to stop the bleeding! But he had gotten his revenge. The massacre of paleface Rhodes would've ended in Dusty's demise had the other wrestlers not intervened.

The following day, when he was again able to speak coherently, Wahoo sat in his hotel room. Typical of the great athlete he is, he showed little evidence of the battle except for the tape holding the stitches in his face and a bloody towel lying crumpled in the corner of the room. He smiled as we entered.

Chief Wahoo grabs hold of Dusty's legs and pulls him down as Rhodes again tried to kick him (right) and prevent him from climbing back onto the ring apron. Below: Blood still coming down from open wounds on his forehead, Wahoo grabs Dusty's neck and tries to choke the life out of him. He then gave Dusty series after series of tomahawk chops and soon Rhodes' face was as bloody as the Chief's. Finally, Dusty fled in terror, although Wahoo tried to go after him to the dressing room.

There's still fire in Wahoo's eyes although Dusty's long gone and the Chief is being restrained. "The next time I see him I'm gonna kill him," Wahoo said later. By the following day he'd already calmed down.

"If I had an elbow pad like his," Wahoo grinned, "I could have stayed in football 15 more years. I don't know what he's got under there, but I'm pretty sure it's not legal."

Wahoo preferred not to talk about the epic battle of the night before. Instead he chose to talk about himself and about what it means to be an Indian. He is proud of his heritage and disappointed that so many Americans know so little about the men who once ruled the land we call the United States.

"I was born in McAlester, Oklahoma," the Chief began, "and I'm a member of one of the five civilized Indian tribes in the United States The Choctaw-Chickasaw had been civilized by the white man and took a lot of his ways. My grandfather lived on a reservation and so did my father until he was 10 years old."

Contrary to popular belief, Wahoo never did live on a reservation. In 1947 his family moved to Texas where Wahoo attended Midland High School and began establishing himself as one of the greatest Indian athletes in American history, second only, perhaps, to the legendary Jim Thorpe.

"In football I was all-State for two years and a high school All-American in my senior year," Wahoo noted. "I was the state champion in the shotput with a throw of 58 feet, 10½ inches and in the discus with a distance of 178 feet, 10½ inches. I was also an all-state catcher, hitting 14 home runs to lead the state of Texas. I probably would have signed a baseball contract had I not enjoyed the physical contact of football more."

Wahoo entered the University of Oklahoma on a football scholarship and played under the great Bud Wilkinson. No two-platooner, Wahoo went both ways, playing offensive end and defensive halfback. He also

punted.

In 1958 he was named an All-American and also had the longest punt in the nation (91 yards) as well as the second longest pass reception (87 yards). He was never worse than sixth in the nation in punting average during his three varsity seasons at O.U.

After graduating from Oklahoma with a degree in business, he signed to play professional football with the Dallas Cowboys and promptly dislocated his shoulder. The following year he was traded to Houston where he played right guard weighing only 219 pounds. His ferocious blocking was one reason why the Oilers won the AFC championship that year.

In 1961 he was traded to Denver where he became a linebacker. It was there he was named All-Pro and again received similar honors after being traded to the New York Jets. He finally quit in 1969 while with the Miami Dolphins to devote all his energies to professional wrestling. Why? Simple. "I earn three times as much," he laughingly admitted.

McDaniel's wrestling career began during his days at the University of Oklahoma. Texas didn't have high school wrestling so Wahoo didn't have any experience. But Port Robertson, Sooner wrestling coach and uncle of TV star Dale Robertson, saw in the young Indian a gifted athlete and a man who would become a remarkable wrestler. He recruited McDaniel and Wahoo did so well he was invited to the Olympic tryouts in 1960. But Wahoo gave up the shot at the Olympics for pro football.

After he quit pro football Wahoo devoted all his time to pro wrestling which, previously, he'd done only on a part-time basis. His first match was against Danny Shocker in Terre Haute, Indiana.

"I'll never forget it," the Chief said. "I beat him in 18 minutes and those were the longest 18 minutes in my life."

From those 18 minutes Wahoo has gone on to become one of the biggest draws in wrestling. "I'm one of the top five in salary," he admits matter-of-factly, "and I think I have as good a record as anyone around. In three years in Dallas and over 500 matches I've lost only 10. In Houston I'm number one as far as attendance is concerned. I've had eight sellouts against Dory Funk Jr. In Australia I had 100 matches and never lost one."

Dusty Rhodes (left) shows the effects of his wild match against Chief Wahoo. These two are bitter enemies and each meeting results in a bigger bloodbath. Below: Chief Wahoo doesn't look much better than Rhodes. "Indians are placid people," Chief said, "but I don't take anything from anybody. I'll stand up."

It seems astounding for one man to gain such success in pro sports. Had he chosen baseball, he might have become an all-star there instead of on the gridiron. And had he not chosen baseball, football or wrestling, the chances are he could have done quite well on the professional golf tour. He consistently shoots par and below-par golf.

"Indians are placid people," Wahoo said, "but I don't take anything from anybody. I'll stand up. Everyone knows I will. You have to beat the other guy before he beats you. I try to win all my matches so I can be the world's champ. Any guy who doesn't have his sights set that high shouldn't be in wrestling."

Shotput records. Discus records. Pro football, Pro baseball offers. Pro wrestling star. Superb golfer. That's Wahoo McDaniel. His success is attributable to more than just a gifted athletic body. It is his will to win . . . his attitude . . . his desire to excel in everything he does.

Does Chief Wahoo belong in the same class as Jim Thorpe? If he was alive—Jim would probably be the first to say he does! □

A ROOKIE REMEMBERS HIS FIRST MAIN EVENT

Photos By Gene Gordon

Young Scott Casey proved he's more than an up and coming rookie by holding veteran Mike York to a draw.

SCOTT CASEY WAS nervous. He had a right to be. Tonight was his first main event wrestling match.

He had proven himself to be a damned good wrestler for someone "up and coming." But until today it was different. Previously, fans would see him on a card and the other wrestlers were the ones in the most exciting match of the evening —the main event.

But now Scott and Mike York were the ones in the spotlight and every fan in the crowd was watching them intently.

"I remember being kind of shakey," said Casey afterwards. "I remember thinking this night was all that mattered. My past matches meant nothing now. It didn't make a difference how I wrestled before. This was it—right here and now!"

Casey stepped under the ropes and the fans roared. They liked what they saw when he wrestled some of those other guys—men whose names you don't remember. Scott was once one of those nameless ones. But now he was known as a young wrestler to be watched. He'll be "somebody" some day, they were saying.

They hooted and howled when York entered. They hated him! They remembered his vicious tactics when he teamed with Frank Monti in the Alaskans. But nevertheless they remembered him better than Casey. He'd been around—a lot longer.

It didn't make Scott feel comfortable. But there wasn't time to think now. The match was beginning.

"I've got to admit I was truly scared at that moment," Scott was to reveal later. "I see this big guy coming at me, knowing all those eyes in the audience were watching my every move. I knew I could handle myself. But all those people scared me!

"All at once I was in a headlock that I couldn't get out of. Finally, I was able to grab York from behind and flip him. The crowd loved it and it made me feel good. But more important, I wasn't being choked.

"But I soon realized how experienced York was. I had just gotten out of one hold and was already in another. His hammerlock was shooting pain throughout my shoulders and back. But I was finally able to reach back and twist out of it.

"Then I kneedropped York, but to my surprise he was up and heading for me in an instant. Now he was mad! He launched into a series of punches and kicks that knocked the breath right out of me. But he shouldn't have done that! That dirty wrestling turned me into a madman!

Scott loses his cool and punches York in the back while twisting his arm. "You can't keep cool with a killer like him," he says.

What goes through the mind of a young wrestler when he encounters his first main event? Popular Scott Casey was asked to recall how it was for him on that memorable night. This is how he remembers it

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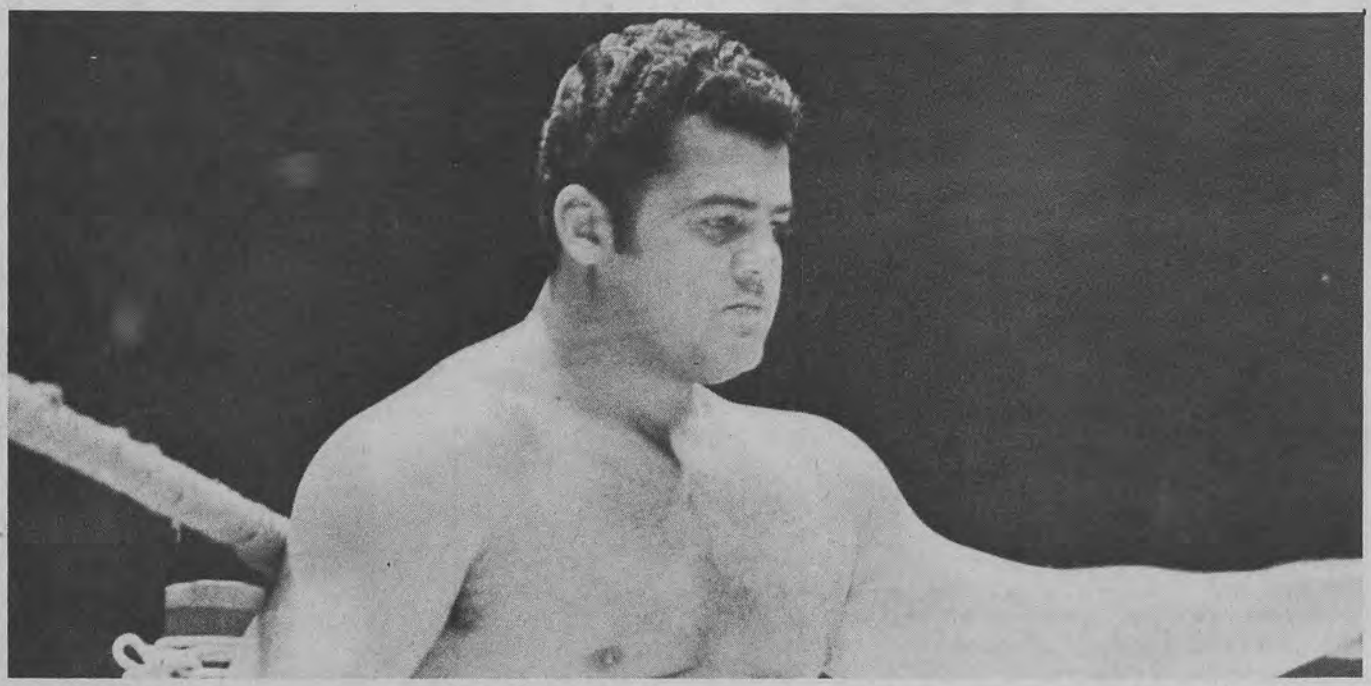
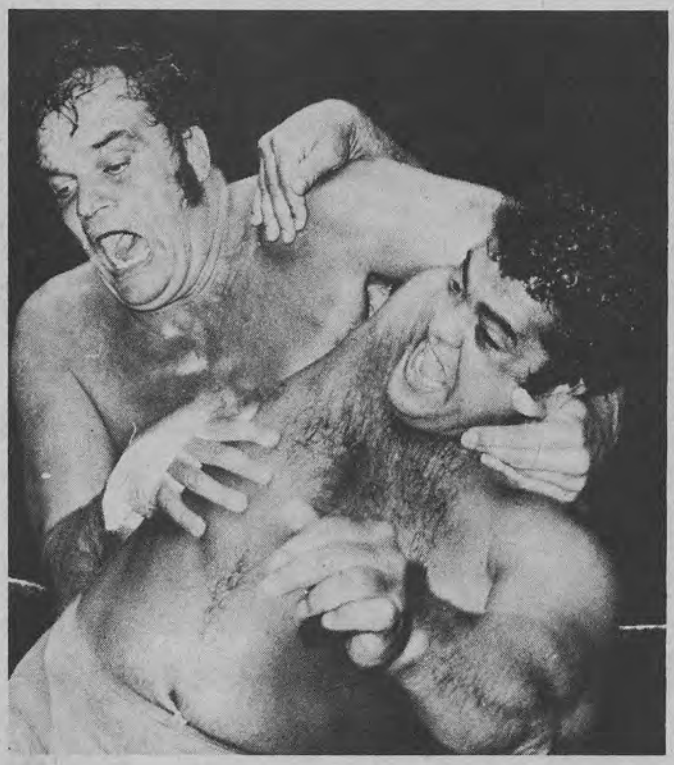


All things must come to an end and that includes the spectacular reign of popular Pedro Morales as W.W.W.F. heavyweight champion. What all his fans want to know is . . .

WHERE DOES PEDRO



Stan Stasiak, a man Morales has defeated on more than one occasion, beat Pedro for the W.W.W.F. title, ending Pedro's long reign. Now what happens to Morales? Will he go after the title, now held by Bruno Sammartino, the man who upset Stasiak? "I don't know yet," Pedro said. "I have to think it over."

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That is the question that faces Pedro Morales. Pedro Morales — the man who in February of 1971 soundly thrashed World Wide Wrestling Federation champion Ivan Koloff to win the title. The man who defended the title against every great challenger — challengers like Bruno Sammartino, Don Leo Jonathan and

Pampero Firpo among hundreds of others.

Now, nearly finishing his third year of championship reign, Stan Stasiak, a man he's wrestled and defeated several times, wins the title from him. What does he do now?

"I really don't know," Pedro admits, scratching his head confusedly.

Does he want the title again?

"Again?" Pedro mused. "I really don't know. I really have to sit down and think things out. One thing I do know is that I want to wrestle Stasisk as soon as possible to prove I can beat him. I've proved it before and I'll prove it again."

How come Stasiak beat Pedro when he's wrestled and beaten Stan several times before?

"What can I say?" the ex-champ shrugged. "It had to happen sometime. I was in top shape that night and so was Stasiak. I won't knock him. He won. That's what the referee judged and I respect his decision."

What about a match now against Bruno Sammartino, present W.W.W.F. titleholder?

"Look," Pedro pointed out. "I'm willing to wrestle anyone at this time but that *does not* include Bruno. The reason is that if I am able to beat him I do not know whether I want to be tied down with that title. Bruno's a great wrestler and a credit to the belt. The title's in good hands with him. I just don't know if I want it again at this point."

Pedro's immediate plans include a vacation to his native Puerto Rico.

"That's right," Morales said. "I need a vacation. I've gone almost non-stop, wrestling almost five nights a week for the past three years. It does get tiring you know.

"I do want to let everyone know that I won't let myself get out of shape even when I'm vacationing. I plan to train daily and keep wrestling, even there, to maintain my place in the ratings. That way, if I do want a title shot, I'll be in the position to get one."

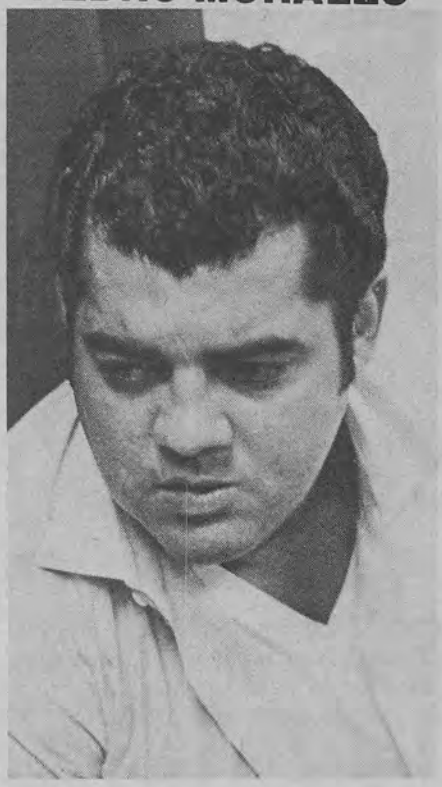
Gorilla Monsoon, Pedro's manager, is confident Pedro will keep active.

"I know him," Gorilla said. "and I guarantee that even a week's vacation will drive him batty. He has wrestling in his blood and can't stay away from it very long. It's part of him."

Does Pedro feel he disappointed his fans, losing the title?

"Well, I hope not," he stressed. "I love all the beautiful people who sup-

"I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT THE TITLE AGAIN"— PEDRO MORALES



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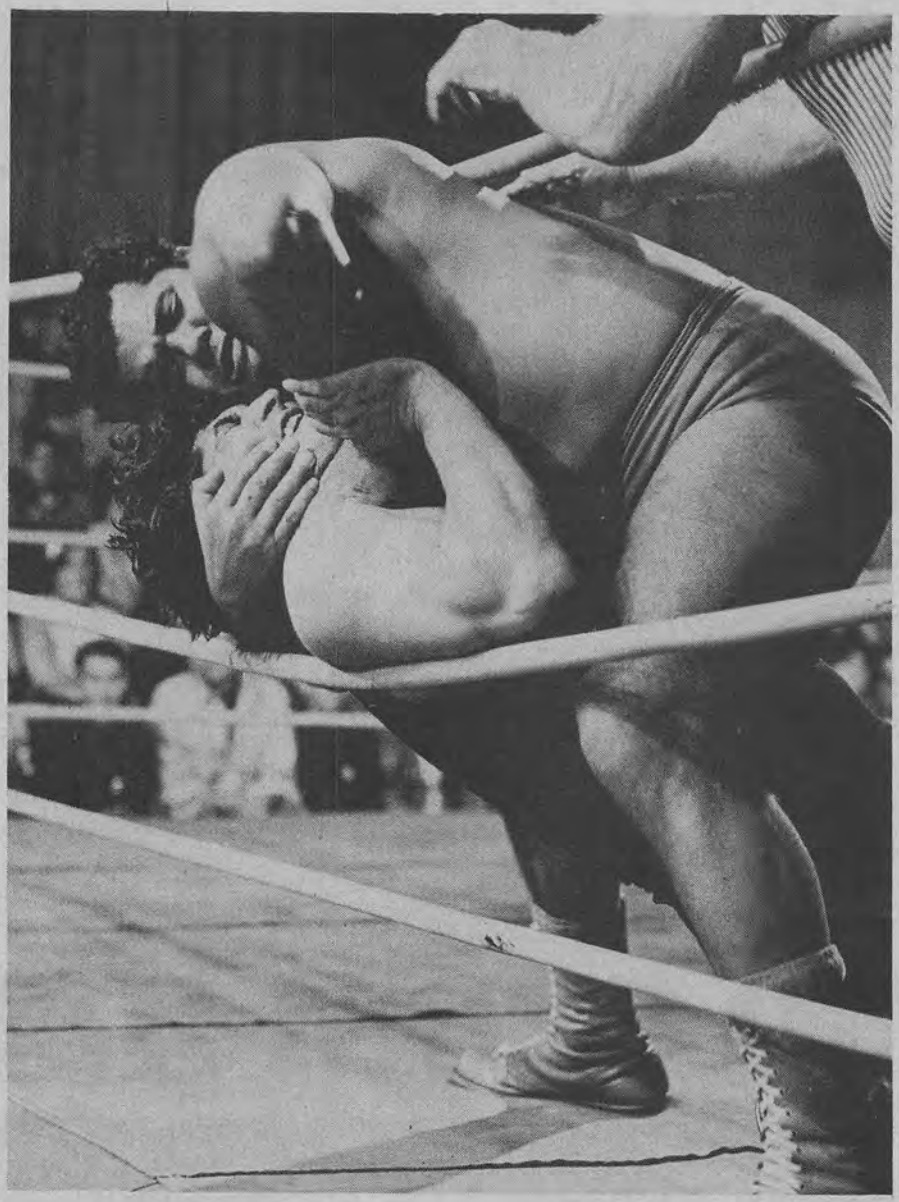
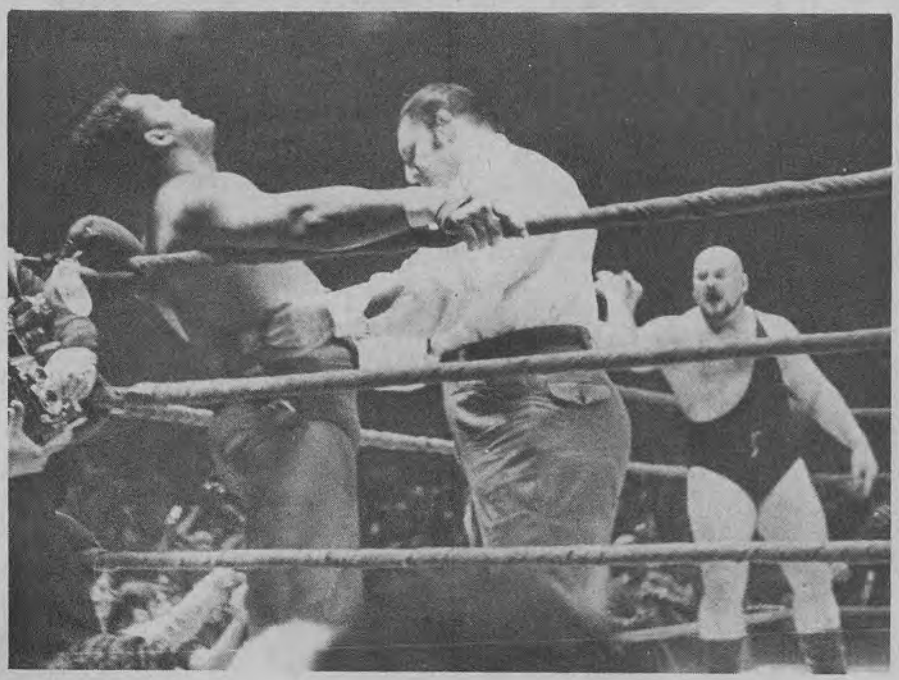


Pedro bled for the W.W.W.F. belt (above). Southern California was the place Pedro wrestled before he came east to win the title. "I may go back there," he said. "I have some unfinished scores to settle with Black Gordman (right), Goliath and some others." When Pedro won the title (below) Bruno Sammartino came into the ring and placed the belt around Pedro's waist. Now Bruno's got the title and Pedro may go after it. "It'd be a pleasure to wrestle Bruno again," he admitted.



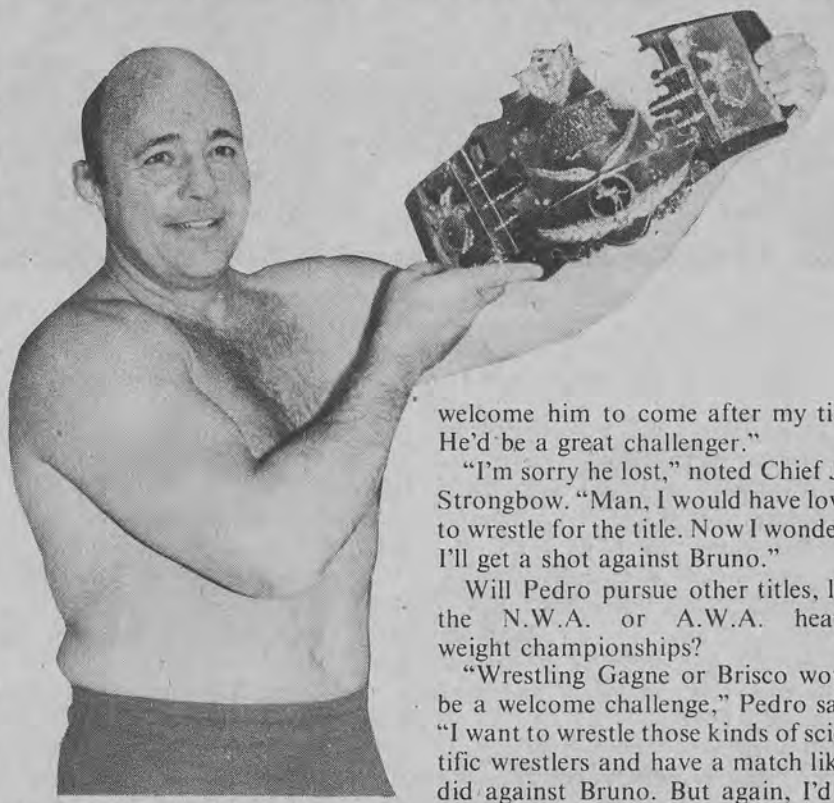
ported me when I was champion and I hope they'll continue to support me. I realize that some fans support only the man who is champion. If they must, it's okay. I thank them for sticking with me. But I'm sure that my loyal supporters will never leave my side. They're all wonderful people."

How about the fans' point of view?

"I'll always be loyal to Pedro," commented Esther Garcia of Brooklyn, New York. "Bruno's a wonderful champion. I'm glad he won the belt from Stasiak. I'll support Bruno of course, but you can bet I'll never give up my support for Pedro either."

"Me either," said Esther's friend, Maria Gomez. "We've followed Pedro since he won the belt. Just because he lost one match in three years doesn't mean he's not as good. He's still the best. We love him."

Jack Brisco, (left) shocked at the news that Pedro lost the belt, says, "If Pedro wants a crack at my title, he's welcome to try." Bruno Sammartino and Pedro (above) wrestled a classic match a few years ago. They may be clashing again. Verne Gagne (below) also welcomes Pedro to try for the A.W.A. belt. "I just don't know if I want to be tied down with the pressures of a title," Pedro said.



Philadelphia's Mark Zenner is one of those fans who didn't like Pedro.

"I'm glad he's not the champ," Zenner said. "I've always agreed with George Steele, who's a fine wrestler, that Morales was protected by the referees. Now Sammartino's champ. I hope Steele will knock him off the throne so we can have a true champion, Mr. George Steele."

"I'm sorry Stasiak lost the belt so soon," Boston's Jack Rerey said. "I think Stasiak is a fine man and a great wrestler. You have to be great to defeat Morales when the referees protect him."

What are the reactions of some of the other top wrestlers in the sport?

"I was shocked to hear he lost the title," A.W.A. champion Verne Gagne admitted. "I just saw Pedro a few weeks before he lost the belt and he looked unbeatable. But look at it this way. We all have to lose sometime. You never know who'll be the one to beat you for the title on any given night."

"It's too bad," Jack Brisco said. "I was looking forward to wrestling Pedro for the belt so I could help clear up the title situation. Well, even though he doesn't have the belt I welcome him to come after my title. He'd be a great challenger."

"I'm sorry he lost," noted Chief Jay Strongbow. "Man, I would have loved to wrestle for the title. Now I wonder if I'll get a shot against Bruno."

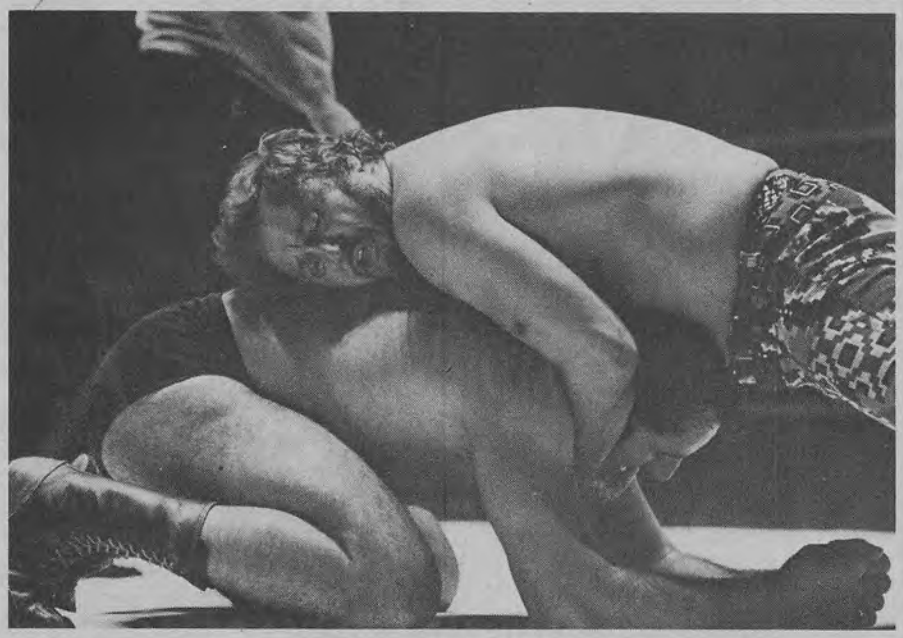
Will Pedro pursue other titles, like the N.W.A. or A.W.A. heavyweight championships?

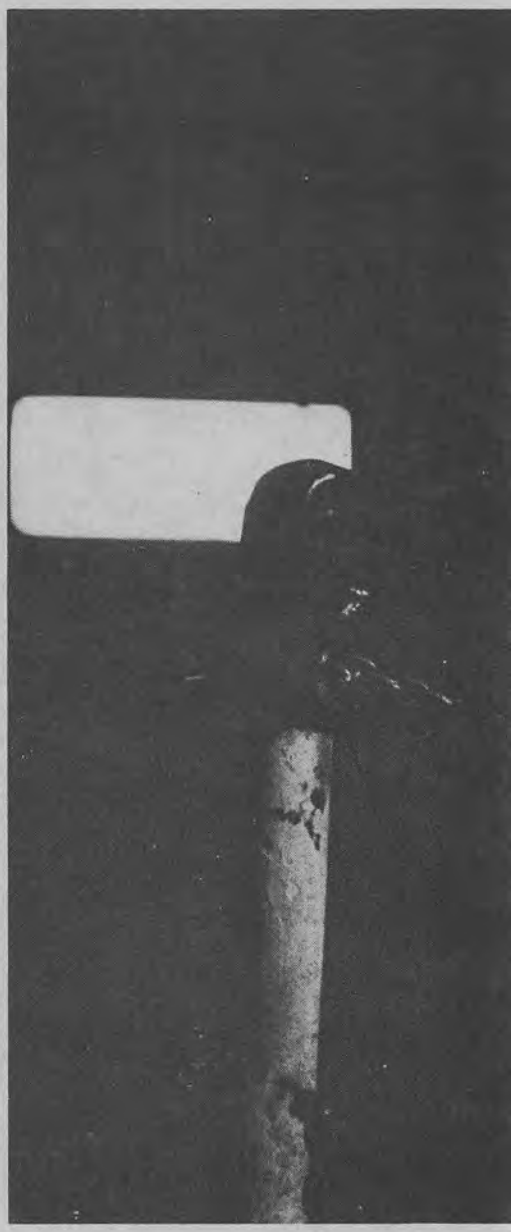
"Wrestling Gagne or Brisco would be a welcome challenge," Pedro said. "I want to wrestle those kinds of scientific wrestlers and have a match like I did against Bruno. But again, I'd be stuck with a title if I win, and again I don't know if I want that."

Pedro Morales' plans are so indefinite he really doesn't know where he's going. But judging from what most people know about Pedro — he'll be gunnin' for the title again soon.

It looks as though everyone *but* Pedro knows where he's headed! □

WRESTLING'S MADCAP TAG TEAM





Tony Parisi takes it easy between falls (right), a stunt which is loved by fans but makes opponents very, very nervous. His partner, Dom Denucci, may be in trouble as he wrestles Reginald Love (above), but even in these circumstances, Dom claims, he's enjoying himself.

PERCHED ATOP THE corner ropes, Tony Parisi watched his tag team partner, Dominic Denucci, battle Hartford Love. Tony happily shouted congratulations and encouragement at the proper time. No spectator enjoyed himself as much as Tony.

When Dom came over to tag him, Tony stuck out his hand and said, "Gimme five!"

Dom slapped his partner's hand and replied, "I now make it possible for you to go out and seek Love!" meaning their opponents, the notorious Love Brothers.

Tony went and wrestled with a joyous verve rarely seen in the sport. No matter how brutal was the punishment being dished out, Parisi seemed happy to be in there wrestling. And while Dom worried about his tag team partner's health, he seemed to know all would eventually turn out for the best.

Such exuberant confidence bothered the hell out of the Love Brothers. They're used to opponents hating them. When their opponents enjoy the match, the Love Brothers can't cope.

"What the hell's going on here?" Reginald asked his brother when he saw Tony sitting on the ropes. "These guys are like little kids at a carnival. We're the most hated guys in wrestling! Don't they know that?!"

When brother Hartford returned to the corner after wrestling Tony, he exclaimed, "I did some of the dirtiest stuff I know. Look at the guy. He's still smiling!"

"Those guys are crazier than we are!" Reginald said, horrified that such a possibility could exist.

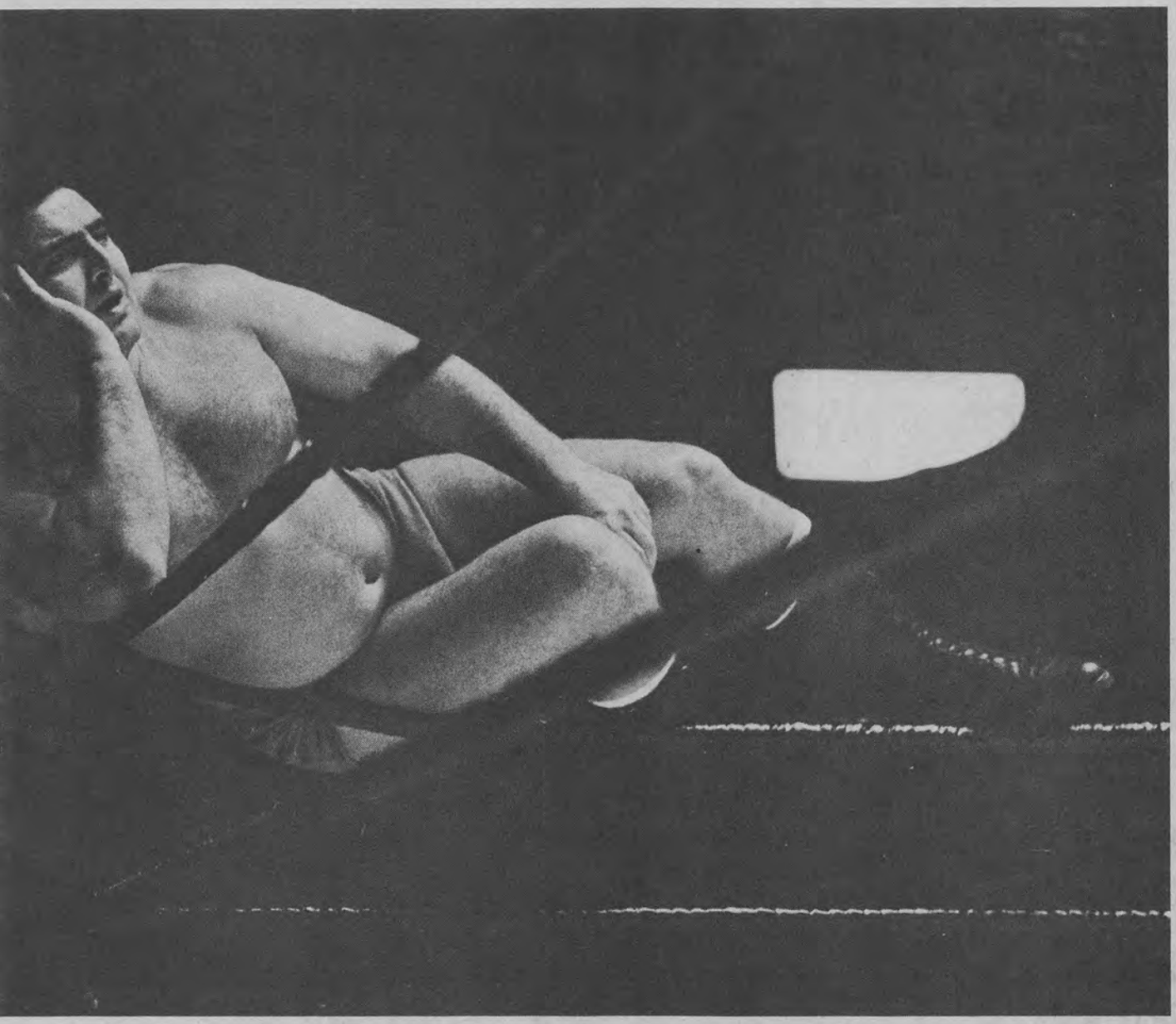
For the remainder of the match, the feared Love Brothers were overwhelmed by the exuberant Parisi and Denucci. The Loves pulled out all the stops but no tactics could make Denucci or Parisi stop enjoying the action. Finally, the Loves, confounded and confused, angrily stormed back to their dressing room.

"You guys are out of your minds!" Reginald screamed over his shoulder while departing.

Later, in the dressing room, Tony told Dom, "If Reginald Love thinks you're crazy, then either you're very, very sane . . . "

"Or very, very crazy!" Dom finished as both men broke up laughing.

Dom Denucci and Tony Parisi are quickly becoming known as wrestling's madcap tag team. It's a title



Professional wrestling is a deadly serious business. Most of the time. But Dominic Denucci and Tony Parisi can't see why they shouldn't enjoy their matches as well as win them

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both men regard with mixed feelings.

"We take our wrestling seriously," Dom explains, "and winning is very important. I wouldn't jeopardize a match for a laugh. I'm a professional and expect to earn my money to the best of my ability.

"At the same time, I'm not one of those guys for whom winning is *everything*. Sports are meant to be enjoyed and I love wrestling. I'm having a great time in that ring. There's nothing wrong with showing that, as far as I'm concerned."

"I think to be a professional athlete," Tony adds, "you have to have a certain sense of fun. You either suppress this and show the world how serious you are about the sport or you show this side of yourself. We feel a sense of fun is to be enjoyed."

And enjoy themselves Parisi and Denucci do. They refuse to take their opponents too seriously.

"Maybe it's an odd form of conceit," Tony says in a rare reflective mood. "I've often wondered why the two of us are so different from most tag teams. Could it be we subconsciously consider ourselves so much better than anyone else that we don't have to be solemn about the matches? I really can't say."

Both men agree that without the other their madcap style would never

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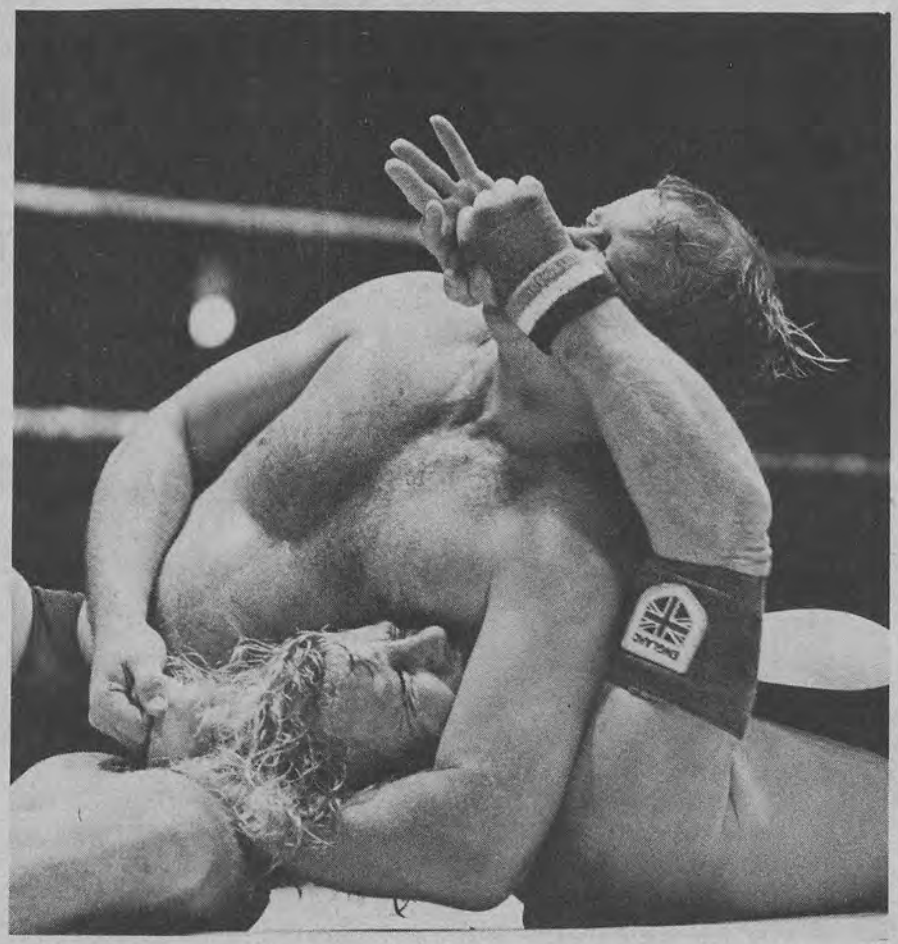

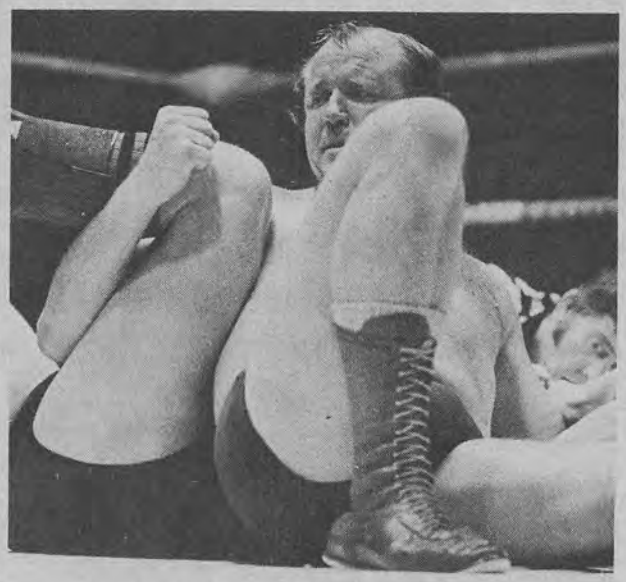

Above: Trapped in a headlock, Hays tries to apply the same hold on Dory with no success. Hays is almost pinned before he manages an escape. Left: Dory captures Al in a combination arm and leglock, a move which again has Al close to being pinned. The referee lies on the mat to make sure Lord Al's shoulders aren't on the canvas. He sees Hays is not pinned.

Hays strode with determination to the ring. His face turned into a hateful grimace as he eyed Dory. When the bell rang he propelled himself towards the man who twice managed to keep the title from him. His arms snaked around Dory's head and Al's personal vendetta had begun.

From the first, the match equalled the other two championship battles in scientific excellence. The fans weren't prepared for Hays' return to scientific wrestling, but

cheered lustily as they saw the great Lord Al Hays of old.

Hays handily won the first fall. Dory managed to get the second fall by a Hays error. When Al sprung to his feet after losing the fall, he reminded himself to be cautious, cunning, and careful.

The third fall saw Hays make a startling comeback, dominating the action. Fans were anticipating a title change and many felt Hays'

Dory crashes to the canvas, the victim of a brilliant Lord Al Hays flip near the bout's end.

wrestling more than earned him the honor. The Missouri state title seemed destined to begin the Lord Al Hays era.

Dory, weakened, tried to marshal his defenses. Sensing the kill, Al waded in, hoping to deck Funk with a forearm smash. Al lashed out but Funk ducked the blow.

Before it even landed, Hays knew the blow would land on the chest of the referee, who had stationed himself behind Funk.

Hays tried to stop the smash but it was too late. The referee went down like he'd been hit by a bulldozer. Though it was obviously an accident, it was still grounds for disqualification.

So Dory retained his title and Hays again lost on a technicality.

"Why didn't I see him behind Funk?" Hays moaned afterwards. "I was so careful, and then to do something so obviously wrong. Can't I win against Funk?"

Hays was quiet for a moment then asked himself, "Have I psyched myself out to the point where *I'm* the reason I lose?"

"That's a question only Hays—and time—can answer. □

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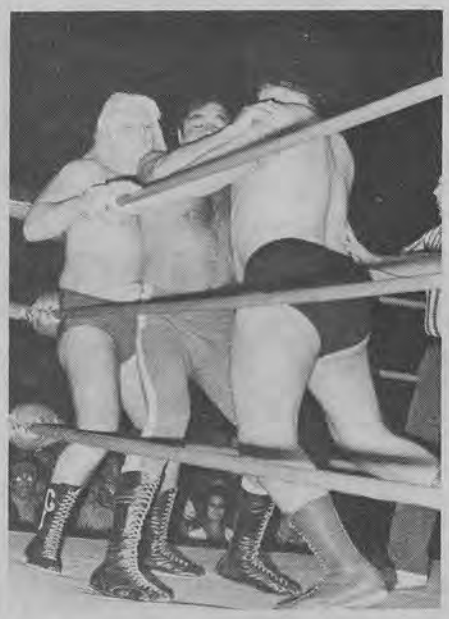

For a time, it looks like Andre can overcome Valentine and Tolos by using his great size.

and cruel attack by Tolos and Valentine, they had Andre down. Greg and John then piled their combined 500 pounds of muscle on top of Andre trying to pin him. Before the referee could say "one," the Giant had kicked out of trouble.

The match ended when the referee decided he would no longer be a party to this illegal beating. He disqualified the two rulebreakers. However, even though they technically lost the bout, Valentine and Tolos were happy.

"Like taking candy from a baby," decided Valentine. "You know, it was so easy I almost feel guilty about taking the money for the bout. Almost, but not quite!"

"Once again," added Tolos, "we have proven that brains and brawn triumphs over no brains and brawn. Greg is right. It was too easy. Look at me. I don't even need a shower. I'm not sweating at all!"

In his dressing room Andre sat quietly, sipping a cup of tea.

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HOW DO YOU RATE

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manlike, which it isn't, nobody's aim's that good to be certain you won't hit the wrong wrestler. I was once out of action for three weeks with a badly pulled muscle I got from, believe it or not, slipping on an orange peel a fan threw into the ring. Naturally, he was aiming for my opponent. But I wound up injured.

3. Yes. You pay your money and that's your privilege. But never use obscene language. There may be elderly people or people with young children sitting nearby and nobody likes someone with a dirty mouth.

4. Yes. Many times I've been helped out of a situation where a villain was pulling my trunks or hair because a sharp-eyed fan screamed for all he was worth and attracted the referee's attention to what was going on.

5. Never! Some of these guys are maniacs and fans have been attacked. Besides, he'll get his in the ring.

6. No. The odds are he'll have so much on his mind he'll forget. Always ask for a wrestler's permission before starting a fan club but do it in the form of a letter sent to him in care of the local promoter.

7. No. We know you're happy but when hands come shooting out of a crowd they could be holding knives. Remember. Not everyone likes the same wrestler you may like. Many wrestlers have been injured in situations just like this.

8. Yes. This is the same situation as question four. I've been alerted by fans to foreign objects many times and I'm thankful they called it to my attention.

9. No. Wrestlers have private lives too. The easiest way to make a wrestler angry at you is to bother him either at home or in the gym.

10. Yes. Many times this is the only way the magazines and papers have of finding out about wrestlers in different parts of the country. I know of a few young people who became correspondents and even reporters in this manner. You're helping a wrestler because the more popular he becomes the bigger a drawing card he becomes. □

A ROOKIE

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Scott became more and more relaxed as the match progressed. Here he applies pressure on an armlock.

"I dropkicked him, and when he got up I dropkicked him again. Then I kneedropped him. I used a flying headscissors. He was dazed! But I just kept going!

"After that, the match moved swiftly. I can't remember all the moves. There were good holds by both parties. But one thing I'm sure of. By then I had forgotten about my nervousness. I wasn't thinking about all the fans watching me in my first main event. I was just concentrating on wrestling York. That's all that was on my mind!

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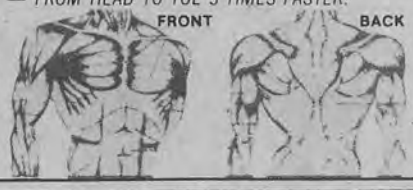

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JOHN TOLOS

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Above: Early in the battle, the referee has to warn Tolos about choking. It's a warning which John ignored throughout the bout. Below: Tolos is brought to his knees by Valentine's infamous atomic skullcrusher. It almost finished Tolos off!

eyes bulging and mouth open. A look of relief swept over his face when Tolos stormed off without causing further mayhem.

When Valentine heard of the incident, his face remained expressionless. He refused to comment. However, those who saw him training later that day said he was an enraged animal. They feared for Tolos' life, believing no human could withstand Valentine's onslaught.

"Johnny trained that day like he wanted to kill someone," one observer remembers. "He was methodical and serious for more than four hours. He went over his most painful holds and agonizing maneuvers time and time again. He was perfect."

However, that was only training. The real contest still had to take place.

On the night of their confrontation, Tolos was the first to march toward the field of battle. His face was contorted into a mask of raging hatred. When he climbed through the ropes, some heard him grunting like a wild bear.

Valentine strode purposefully toward the ring, his gait steady and regular. He was a professional preparing to exact revenge. All the anger would be kept within him,

allowing only for calm cruelty to rule his actions.

When the bell rang, Tolos sprang from his corner. His expert fingers clutched at his foe's throat, choking Valentine until the blond began to gurgle from want of air. It took all of Valentine's skill to escape.

Staggering free, a cloud of blackness threatening to overwhelm him. Johnny was trapped on the defensive. It took a good three minutes of absorbing punishment before he could mount an attack of his own.

Once he gained momentum, Valentine was an avenging demon. He tried to finish Tolos with the atomic skullcrusher, missing landing with full force by only a fraction of an inch. Still, most grapplers would have been knocked senseless by the blow. Tolos proved his toughness by surviving the shot.

Tolos is almost knocked out by Valentine's atomic skullcrusher late in the brutal, bloody bout.

The battle raged for about 20 minutes. Then, Valentine forced Tolos over the ropes. Tolos miraculously landed on his feet. Valentine went under the ropes after him—a disastrous mistake.

Tolos saw him coming and began to smash away at Valentine's head. Johnny, lying down while his standing opponent kept punching, was defenseless. The referee, meanwhile, ordered Tolos to stop. John ignored him and continued his volley of punches. The referee then shouted that Tolos was disqualified.

John leaped to the ring to argue as Valentine weaved back to the dressing room. Tolos sneared as his bloodied foe wobbled away. He didn't change the referee's mind. He lost the match.

But much more important, John Tolos has gained another enemy. And if you're Johnny Valentine's enemy, prepare for the worst. □

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BLACKJACK LANZA'S

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Above: Grabbing a belt from ringside, Graham smashes the heavy buckle again and again onto Lanza's skull. Scientific holds were forgotten in a brawl between two men, each looking to cripple his foe!

shared," Graham muses, "and the times I risked my career depending on him during a tag team match, it's just incredible. I trusted that man, felt I could depend on him. Now I realize how much it must have hurt Lanza to help me out. Inwardly, he was always hoping I'd get murdered!

"Well, I'm glad this thing is out in the open. After the shock passed, I've been getting angrier and angrier. What he says about me doesn't mean anything. That he could betray me like this makes me shake with anger just thinking about it. There's nothing I want more than to see that louse grovel in agony!"

When these two meet now, all hell breaks loose. They tear at each other with a frenzy usually seen only in starving jungle animals. Rarely is the ring large enough to contain the action. The two are often cracking each other's skull against the cement floor.

In one battle, Graham was sneak attacked by Lanza before either man had even climbed through the ropes! Billy felt the blood begin to pour over his face as Lanza smashed the famous profile into the cement.

Then Blackjack spied the cord to the announcer's microphone. With horrifying swiftness, he grabbed it and began to choke Billy unmerci-

fully. As he twisted the cord around his victim's throat, he also twisted the wire in attempt to crack the insulation. This would allow him to electrocute Graham!

Desperately, Graham struggled to free himself. His eyes bulging from anger and fear, Billy struggled mightily. Every muscle in his fabulous torso strained to marshall all strength in throwing Lanza off him. After 30 seconds of the most intense battling, Billy threw Lanza away from him.

Air rushed back into Graham's lungs. His face twisted in hatred, Billy grabbed the microphone cord and began strangling his dazed opponent. Lanza started to gag as his tormentor bore down with all his power. Blackjack's croakings made the referee call in the special police. They pulled "Superstar" off his foe, allowing Lanza to struggle back to the dressing room.

After the battle, Graham climbed in the ring and dared Lanza to return. The fans' jeers mixed with

Capturing Lanza in a headlock, Graham smashes his huge fist hard into his victim's skull!

the grappler's and Lanza heard them all. They were the sounds of his failure, his inability to attain the legendary stature of Graham. And there wasn't any way the sounds would stop.

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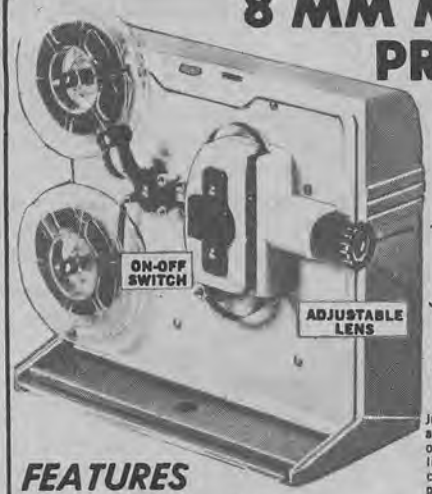

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FREDDIE BLASSIE—*REFEREE???*

ended. "It's probably the cleanest match Markoff ever wrestled. Whenever he tried something Blassie was on him in a flash. Everytime Markoff even *looked* like he was doing something suspicious Blassie said something. 'Watch it, Markoff,' Blassie kept saying. 'I'm watchin' ya, Markoff,' he told him. Markoff couldn't make a move without Blassie on his back. The funniest part came when Markoff tried to bite me through my mask."

That happened about halfway through the encounter. Chris had Mascaras groggy from a series of knee lifts and forearm smashes. Then he grabbed him by the mask, and in a move reminiscent of so many of Blassie's early matches, he tried to

Blassie accuses Markoff of having something concealed in his shoe (right) and orders him to remove it. When the shoe gets stuck (below) Freddie lends a hand and pulls it off, the impact spinning him around in a complete circle.

Freddie gets down where the action is to count while Mil Mascaras pins Markoff's shoulders to the mat. Blassie got up to only "two." Note Chris's bare foot sticking up in the air. Freddie had thrown the offending shoe out of the ring and made Chris grapple barefoot!

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sink his teeth into Mil's forehead.

"What're you doing, Markoff?" Blassie roared.

"What does it look like I'm doing?" Markoff replied.

"Biting's illegal," Blassie said, "you know that."

"Don't be a hypocrite," Markoff replied. "You *invented* biting."

"That's right," Blassie shot back, "and if you try to bite him when *I'm* the referee I'll sink my teeth so far into your face they'll come out the back of your head!"

So Markoff forgot about biting Mascaras for the rest of the match. In fact, with Blassie watching his every move, Chris was unable to use any of his illegal tactics with any degree of success. Blassie, in his desire to do a good job, perhaps overdid it. "That's true," Mascaras added. "He even made Markoff break a few holds that weren't illegal. Once he had me in a chinlock and Freddie told him to break it because it was a choke. It wasn't and Markoff swore it wasn't. But Freddie wasn't taking any chances. He told Markoff 'it *looks* like a choke' and that was good enough for him. Freddie really bent over backwards to enforce the rules."

"Maybe I *was* a little tough on old Chris," Blassie admitted after the match. "But I know from experience that there's nothing a wrestler like Markoff enjoys more than a referee who doesn't call 'em strict. They eat up guys like that. Who knows? When my wrestling days are over I might want to become a referee. How'd it look if anybody checked up on me and found out that the only time I refereed a match I was a pushover? This way, when they look back on this match, they'll see that Freddie Blassie ran a strict, clean match.

"You have to remember that I know every trick in the book. Hell, I *wrote* the book. Half the time I knew what Markoff was going to do before he did. And you saw the result. The trouble with a lot of referees is that they let the wrestlers push them around. Well nobody's going to push Freddie Blassie around. When he got too smart he got belted. You won't see too many referees do that!"

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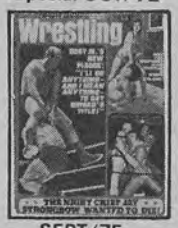
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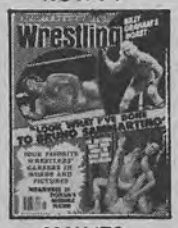
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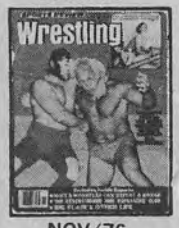
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ROUGEAU

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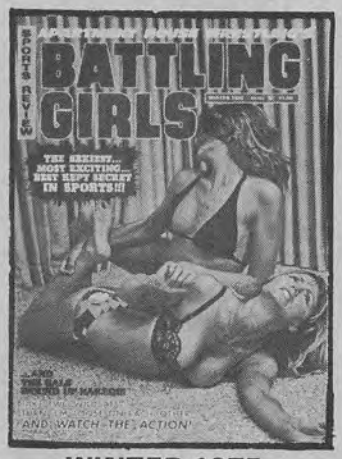

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Kamata whips a bloody Abdullah into the corner early in the match. Even fans who hate Abdullah couldn't stand the punishment he received.

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